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# Skylight

For Soprano, Baritone, Bass Clarinet, Hi-Hat, and Vibraphone

Duration: 05'45"

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Skylight (2023)  
Micah Ballard (b. 2001)

Soprano

Baritone

Bass Clarinet

Hi-Hat

Vibraphone

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Program Notes:

This piece came from a spark of inspiration upon looking at an overcast sunset sky one day, as the clouds broke letting out rays of light. This inspired the lyrics and melody of this piece, Skylight. I used this song as an opportunity to explore and talk about my feelings when composing, and the idea of how inspiration can hit you all at once, and then suddenly disappear, leaving you with writer's block. I hope you all can relate to some aspects of this music's story.

Performance Instruction:

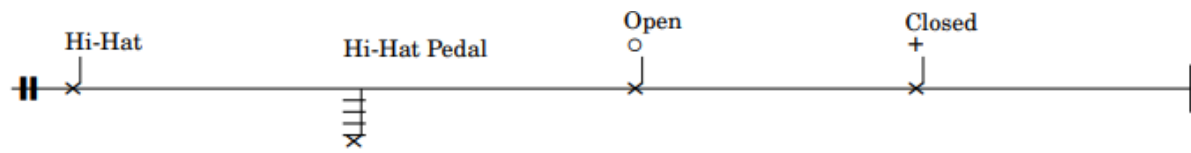
This piece uses a bass bow to bow the vibraphone at the start of the piece, as well as soft mallets and hard rubber mallets

Lyrics:

Skylight, so wondrous and bright,  
I hope I can see you again  
Oh skylight, so wondrous and bright  
I shall wait for your gleam my friend

I need you  
when I am lost and down  
I need you  
when thoughts can't be found  
I need you  
when I am lost and down  
I need, need you right now

But when you're gone  
how can I go on?  
Without your inspiration  
how can I finish this song?  
I know that it must be done  
but am I one without you,  
without your sun?



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## For the Guerilla Opera

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Freely ♩ = c. 88

Soprano

Baritone

Bass Clarinet

Hi-hat

Vibraphone

*n* *mf* *n* *mf* *n* *mf*

arco

*n* *mf* *n* *mf*

**A** Melancholic ♩ = 88

Sop.

Bar.

B. Cl.

Hi-hat

Vib.

*mf* *f* *mf*

Soft Mallets

*mf* pedal ad lib

hope I can see you a - gain, oh

hope I can see you, see you a - gain,

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Sop. sky - light so won - drous and bright I shall

Bar. sky - light so won - drous and bright I shall

B. Cl.

Hi-hat

Vib.

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Sop. wait for your gleam my friend

Bar. wait for your gleam, gleam my<sup>3</sup> friend.

B. Cl.

Hi-hat

Vib.

2 [B] Swing ♩ = 108 *mf*

Sop. Sky - light so won - der - ful and bright

Bar.

B. Cl. *Walking Bass Style*

Hi-hat *p* *simile*

Vib.