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Bernstein..."When you hear Britten's music, if you really hear it, not just listen to it superficially you become aware of something dark. There are gears that are grinding and not quite meshing, and they make great pain." 14