

Soloists + SATB choir



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Song of Desperation



3. Song of Desperation

Stockholm 2026 version

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♩=90

INTRO

Elin

Axel

SA

TB

Bm F#m/A Bm D Bm F#m/A Bm

mp Hmm hmm hmm

mp Hmm hmm hmm

5

Elin

Axel

SA

TB

Bm F#m/A Bm D Bm F#m/A Bm Bm A/C# Bm/D A

mf I've seen A

1. 2.

Hmm hmm hmm

Hmm hmm hmm

10

VERSE 1

Elin

Axel

SA

TB

fi - re on the moun-tain, You bet-ter run, you bet-ter run, you bet-ter run.

Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm

And now it's

14

Elin *mf*
While way out

Axel
free-zing down in Te - xas, They're sayin' the end of the world has be - gun.

SA

TB

Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm

18

Elin *mf*
West, in Ca - li - for - nia, all the wells are run - ning dry. Can't drink the

Axel *mf*
all the wells are run - ning dry. Can't drink the

SA

TB

Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D A F#7 E/B Bm

22

Elin INTERLUDE 1
ash - es and the dust, we can't fill our bell - ies with the sky.

Axel
ash - es and the dust, we can't fill our bell - ies with the sky.

SA
mp
Hmm

TB
mp
Hmm

Bm F#m Bm A Bm F#m/A

25

Elin *mf* can't fill our bell - ies with the

Axel can't fill our bell - ies with the

SA *hmm*

TB *hmm*

Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm

28

Elin sky

Axel sky *mf* A - long the coast of Ca - ro - li - na

SA *mp* Hmm *hmm* *hmm*

TB *Hmm* *hmm* *hmm*

Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm A/C# Bm/D A Bm F#m/A

VERSE 2

33

Elin And in the

Axel just say how fast can you learn how to swim,

SA

TB

Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm A/C# Bm/D A

36

Elin
heat of A - ri - zo - na, Oh, you can't hide from the haze in the wind. while all the

Axel
while all the

SA

TB

Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm A/C# Bm/D A

40

Elin
mp farms and the fields____ They start to strang - le and whith - er in the sun.____ Oh the

Axel
mf farms and the fields____ They start to strang - le and whith - er in the sun, Oh the

SA

TB

Bm F#m/A Bm D A F# E Bm

44

Elin
world is bur - ning, there's no - where left to____ run,

Axel
world is bur - ning, there's no - where left to____ run,

SA

TB

INTERLUDE 2

N.C. Bm F#m/A

mp

No

No

47

Elin

In the ice of Da - ko - ta we

Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm A/C# Bm/D D A

Axel

SA

no no

TB

no no

51

Elin

came to make a stand, our fami - lies and futu - res and pla - cards in hands,

F#m Bm D A E(sus4) E

Axel

we

SA

TB

54

Elin

where the wa - ter runs black and cold, black and cold,

D mf A F#m Bm Bm F#m/A

Axel

spoke for the earth, we had simp - le de - mands, where the wa - ter runs black and cold, black and cold,

SA

TB

57

Elin
 — black and cold the wa - ter runs black and cold. the

Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A F# Bm

Axel
 — black and cold the wa - ter runs black and cold. the

SA

TB

60

Elin
 wa - ter runs black and cold, black and cold, black and cold the wa - ter runs black and cold. With

Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm A F# Bm7/E D/F# G

Axel
 wa - ter runs black and cold, black and cold, black and cold the wa - ter runs black and cold.

SA

TB

64 B2

Elin
 well - oiled tongues, they swear they stand on our side, so green, when e - lec - tion time comes,

D A F# Bm D A E(sus4) E

Axel
 but

SA

TB

68

Elin *mf*
If the wa-ter turns black with gold, black with gold,

Axel *mf*
D A F# Bm Bm F#m/A
pro-mi - ses___ and pa - pers are so quick - ly de - nied,___ If the wa-ter turns black with gold, black with gold,

SA

TB

71

Elin *mf*
___ black with gold the wa - ter turns black with gold._____ Where the

Axel *mf*
Bm Bm/D Bm A F# Bm
___ black with gold the wa - ter turns black with gold._____ Where the

SA

TB

74

Elin
wa-ter turns black with gold, black with gold,___ black with gold the wa-ter turns black with gold._____ And the

Axel
Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm A F# Bm
wa-ter turns black with gold, black with gold,___ black with gold the wa-ter turns black with gold._____

SA

TB

78 *mf*

Elin spot-less cor po ra - tions swear that we're the ones to blame... col-lect some bott-les, take the bus, I'm sick and tired of these games!...

Chords: E Bm7/E E Bm7/E E Bm7/E E(sus4) E Bm7/E *mf*

Axel do I

SA

TB

82

Elin when do we see re - al

Chords: Bm F#m/A F#7 Bm Bm F#m/A Em/G Bm/F# E(sus4) E F#m F#

Axel bend un - til I break, or do I turn the ot - her way? when do we see re - al

SA *mf*

TB

INTERLUDE 3

86 *f*

Elin change? re - - al

Chords: Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm F#m

Axel change? re - - al

SA Oh, oh oh

TB *mf* Oh, oh oh

90

Elin
change

Axel
change

SA
mf
Oh,

TB
mf
Oh,

Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm A/C# Bm/D

Raised

94

VERSE 3

Elin
but I'm

Axel
mf
fists and pointed fingers, Can't make it right, don't make it right, won't make it right.

SA

TB

Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm A/C# Bm/D

98

Elin
fighting for the children, so I can't, and I won't give up the fight.

Axel
so I can't, and I won't give up the fight. They'd fill the

SA

TB

Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm7/E D/F# G

mf

102 B3

Elin *f*
and

Axel
veins of Mis-sis-sip - pi with tar - black sand_ and slur-ries pum-ping through New Me - xi - co,_____

SA

TB

D A F# Bm D A E(sus4) E

106 *mf*

Elin
think it no bot-her to poi son the land,_ If the wa-ter runs black with coal, black with coal,_ black with coal the

Axel
If the wa-ter runs black with coal, black with coal,_ black with coal the

SA

TB

D A F# Bm Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D

110

Elin
wa - ter runs black with tar - sand_ and coal. the wa - ter runs black with coal,_ black with coal,

Axel
wa - ter runs black with tar - sand_ and coal. the wa - ter runs black with coal,_ black with coal,

SA

TB

Bm A F# Bm Bm F#m/A

113 *mf*

Elin
— black with coal the wa - ter runs black with tar - sand_ and coal. All the

Axel
Bm Bm/D Bm A F# Bm
— black with coal the wa - ter runs black with tar - sand_ and coal.

SA

TB

116 C2

Elin
preach-ing po - li - ti - cians say they know what is right,_ hold your peace and hold your job, it's not for

Axel
E Bm⁷/E E Bm⁷/E E Bm⁷/E

SA

TB

119

Elin
you to de - cide, and we

Axel
E Bm *mf* Bm F#m/A F#⁷ Bm
but we can't drink_ oil, and we can't breathe smoke and we

SA

TB

122

Elin
can't build homes, in the mouth of the e - ver - ri - sing
Bm F#m/A Em/G Bm/F# E(sus4) E F#

Axel
can't build homes, in the mouth of the e - ver - ri - sing

SA

TB

124 INTERLUDE 4

Elin
f tide! of the e - ver - ri - sing
Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm F#

Axel
f tide! of the e - ver - ri - sing

SA
f Aa aa aa

TB
f Aa aa aa

128

Elin
f tide! I've seen
Bm F#m/A Bm Bm/D Bm F#m/A Bm

Axel
f tide! I've seen

SA
f Aa aa aa - - mm

TB
f Aa aa aa - - mm

OUTRO

132

Elin
fi - re on the moun - tain,
hmm

Chords: Bm, Bm/D, F#m/A, Bm

axel
fi - re on the moun - tain,
hmm

SA

TB