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Performance Instructions

Solo voice:

The solo voice is amplified. A special, close-miked, sound is desirable in section 4.

The main vocal quality is very nasal and with minimal vibrato. Mvtr = Monteverdi trill. Sections based on the Hebrew letters can be quite free (as if the woman is counting to herself).

Pre-recorded Music:

The pre-recorded music is supplied in an eight-track format with minimal reverberation or EQ:

- Channels 1 and 2 contain the main (stereo) pre-recorded computer-generated music.
- Channel three carries a click track for rehearsal purposes.
- Channel four contains a pre-recorded vocal track - "the Prophet".
- Channels five to eight contain four individual pre-recorded vocal parts (the four women) with extra computer-generated sounds.

The pre-recorded music can be mixed through to any combination of monitor speakers. Ideally, there are three components: a main stereo output; a high monitor above the audience and four individual satellite monitors surrounding the performer and audience:

- Channels one and two are fed to the main output monitors (front stereo with rear stereo if necessary).
- Channel four (the Prophet) is fed to the high speaker above the audience.
- Channels five to eight are sent - individually - to each of the satellite surround speakers.

Signal-processing:

Processing for the pre-recorded music should be added (and automated) as part of the rehearsal process. I would encourage as creative and imaginative an approach as possible.

No reverberation should be added to the four women during the first four sections of the piece. These should sound like four individual singers from the corners of the space. However, in the final part, some reverberation may be added to blend the voices with each other and with the voice of the Prophet.

By contrast, the Prophet should always sound distant, with reverberation and eq. At times his voice may be covered by the four women

Processing may be required for the solo voice: sufficient reverberation to help the soloist without compromising clarity (this varies over the course of the piece).

Production:

This piece is intended to be presented theatrically. Each section is a stage on an emotional journey by the central character, with identifiable people around her: the Prophet (counter-tenor), heard from above, the Prisoner (baritone) mixed up in section 3 and four women who comment from the corners of the theatre. The protagonist is aware of these voices and interacts with them.

The first and last section are sung out directly to the audience. The three middle sections are - in some sense - a re-playing of the traumatic experiences that she has undergone. There is a turning point at the end of section 4, when she makes a conscious decision to continue living.

Text

I:

Echah.

*Echah ya-sh'vah ba-dad ha-ir v'bati am
Ba-choh tiv-cheh balailah...*

May it not befall you - all who pass by this road.
Behold and see, if there is any pain like my pain
which befell me.

Fire in my bones. Crushed. Desolate.

Over these things I weep.
And my heart is sick.

II:

Echah.

Burnt. Fire. Razed. Consumed. Destroyed. Devoured.
Houses burnt. Gates sunken. Bars shattered.

*Ya-iv be-a-po Adonai el bat Zion Ishlich mi shamayim eretz Yisrael
V'lo zacker hadom raglav beyom apo.*

No vision. No guidance.

They sit on the ground in silence. Ashes and sackcloth.
Heads bowed to the ground, like a dying man in the streets of the town.

O daughter of Jerusalem! O daughter of Zion!
And your enemies: they clap, they hiss, they jeer and gnash. They rejoice.

Arise. Arise! Pour out your heart.

On the ground. In the streets: young and old, fallen by the sword.
Slaughtered without mercy. Wiped out.

Arise. Arise! Pour out your heart.
Echah!

III:

*I am the man driven into darkness.
My flesh flailed. My bones broken.
In darkness like the eternally dead,
imprisoned, chained -
though I cry out and plead.
Remember my afflictions and my sorrow.
I call out from the depths.
Do not shut your ear when I cry out.*

IV:

Echah.

My children thirst, beg for food.
Skin shrivelled on their bones.
Famine is worse than the sword.
Our eyes strained for deliverance.
Remember. Echah.

V:

*Ze-chor Adonai mehayah lanu,
Habeyt oorey et herpatenu.
Remember. Look and see.
Scorched. Ravaged.
Gone is the joy of our hearts. Our dancing
has turned to Mourning.
Hadesh Yamenu, Kechedem.*

Programme Note:

The Book of Lamentations is a sequence of five poems from the Hebrew Bible, reflecting an ancient tradition of mourning poems after the destruction of a city. In this case, the city is Jerusalem invaded and destroyed in 586 BC.

This piece is emphatically not a traditional setting of the text. I've chosen small extracts from each section to make an emotional journey through this very bleak landscape. It is theatrical rather than liturgical; angry rather than comforting.

In the middle of the opening poem, the narrative switches to an urgent first-person voice ("May it not befall you, all who pass by this road"). This voice is clearly female, representing the city itself. But the thoughts and feelings reflected in the text are so graphic and immediate that they suggest a real woman: someone who has survived the onslaught, now surveying the physical, psychological and emotional destruction of her life. Giving some sense to the emotional experience of this woman is the main purpose of this piece.

In the pre-recorded music there are snatches of whispered and sung Hebrew. In most instances these are verses from the beginning of each of the five poems. I've also used the Hebrew letters, partly as a reflection of the acrostic nature of the poems, but also as a nod to the many beautiful settings of these words by sixteenth and seventeenth century composers, which often include the letters in an ornamental style before a more austere setting of the verses that follow. The phrase "Echah" which begins three of the poems and is used extensively in the piece, is usually translated as "Alas".

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I: May it not befall you

In darkness. The Woman (soloist) is off-stage or barely visible.

$\text{♩} = 112$

SOLO VOICE *ff* Very nasal, no vibrato

COMPUTER SOUNDFILES

THE PROPHET

Virtual voices
from off-stage

FOUR WOMEN

A

23 Solo *fff* howling
computer soundfiles
4 women

chah - - - - - - - -
E - chah - - - - - - - -

34 computer soundfiles
whispered hebrew text

This musical score page contains three staves. The top staff is for 'Solo' and includes dynamic markings 'fff' and 'howling'. The middle staff is for 'computer soundfiles' and features wavy lines representing soundfiles. The bottom staff is for '4 women' and shows vocal parts with lyrics 'chah' and 'E - chah'. Measure 34 at the bottom shows a single staff for 'computer soundfiles' with a box labeled 'whispered hebrew text'.

39 $\text{♩} = 96$

The score consists of two staves. The top staff, labeled "computer soundfiles", has two treble clef staves. The bottom staff, labeled "the Prophet", has a treble clef staff. The vocal line for "the Prophet" includes lyrics: "A - lef - - . Bet - - - . E - chah - . Ya - - - sh' vah - - - .". Dynamic markings include *f*, $\overbrace{3}$, $\overbrace{5}$, and $\overbrace{3}$.

The prophet sounds from a great distance - from above the auditorium. The effective dynamic level is "*mp*".

B

Lights up gradually, reveal a scene of devastation and destruction

51 *ff*

The score consists of two staves. The top staff, labeled "the Prophet", has a treble clef staff and includes lyrics: "Ba - - - - - dad - - - Ha - ir - - - ha - ". The bottom staff, labeled "4 women", has three treble clef staves. The vocal line for "the Prophet" continues with: "E - - - chah! Yaş - vah ba - dad - ". Dynamic markings include *ff*, $\overbrace{3}$, and $\overbrace{3}$.

The chorus sound close and intimate (no reverb)

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

4 women

C

Slowly, painfully, the woman enters the space.

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

lah.

4 women

Tiv - keh

Ba - choh

Ba - lai - lah

D

Aria. The woman addresses the audience directly.

89 *pp*
Solo
May it not - - - - befall - - - - you - - - - all who pass - - -
computer soundfiles

96 *ff*
Solo
- by this road. *mf* Be-hold - - - - and - see - . *p* if there is a - ny pain-
computer soundfiles

4 women
Ba-choh *3* Bachoh *3* Tiv-keh *3* Bachoh *3* Tiv-keh *3* Bachoh *3* Bachoh *3* Ba - lai - - - - lah - - - -

106

Solo

like my - - pain - - , which - - - be-fell - - me - .

4 women

Ba - choh. Tiv - keh Ba - Lai -

114

p

Solo

fire in my bones - - - Crushed - - De-so-late.

4 women

lah - Ba - choh -

E

119 *mf*

Solo

O - - - - ver these things - - - I weep - - - I weep - - - I weep -

computer soundfiles

4 women

Tiv - - - keh ba lai - - - - lah -

127

Solo

pp

And my heart is sick - .

computer soundfiles

PAUSE

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the piano's treble clef part, which includes a vocal line. The bottom staff is for the piano's bass clef part. Measure 127 begins with a piano introduction. The vocal line starts with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note, then a measure of rest. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth-note patterns. The vocal line resumes with 'And' (eighth note), 'my' (eighth note), 'heart' (eighth note), 'is' (eighth note), 'sick' (eighth note), and a final dash. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords. Measure 128 begins with a piano introduction. The vocal line is silent. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords. A box labeled 'PAUSE' is placed over the piano bass staff.

[pause if necessary for lighting / production]

II: Burnt. Fire. Razed.

f (reacting to noise)

132 Solo E - - - chah. (reacting to noise)

computer soundfiles (sfz vlc scrub)

START

f = 96

140 Solo A-lef bet gim-mel da-led hei. Vav - zayin khet tet yod kaf la-med mem nun.

computer soundfiles (sfz vlc scrub)

f = 148 accelerating muttering to herself (to gain composure). Not precise timing

145

Solo repeat over and over, getting faster and more panicky

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

sa-mekh ayin pey tsadi kuf. resh. shin. taf.

(8th)

♩=144

F

151 Sudden cut-off (reacting to sound-cue)

Solo

computer soundfiles

the Prophet *ff*

Gl - - - - mmel. Da - led - - - Hei - . Vav - - - Za - yin -

161 *f*

Solo E-chah - - - . E-chah - - - . E - chah - - - . E - - -

computer soundfiles

the Prophet khet - - - . tet - - - - - - -

* Wavering wailing decoration around E - not necessarily precise in timing.

G

Stronger, focused, with renewed purpose.

170 *f*

Solo chah - - - . Burnt. Fire - - . Razed - - . Con - sumed - - - . De-

computer soundfiles

the Prophet Yod - - - - - - -

179

Solo

stroyed - Devoured - E-chah - - - - - E -

computer soundfiles

188

Solo

chah - - - - - Burnt. Fire - . Razed -

computer soundfiles

196

Solo

Con-sumed - des-stroyed De-voured - - - - - E - - - - -

computer soundfiles

H

Musical score page 18, featuring three staves:

- Solo:** Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Measure 207 starts with a sixteenth-note pattern. The vocal line includes the lyrics "chah" and "MvTr" with a wavy line above it.
- computer soundfiles:** Treble and bass clefs. The bass staff has two eighth-note patterns marked with a greater-than sign (>). The vocal line includes "Gissando" with a wavy line above it.
- 4 women:** Four staves in treble clef. The vocal line includes "E", "chah", and "chah". The fourth staff shows a melodic line with eighth-note patterns.

216

Solo

computer soundfiles

4 women

225

Solo

computer soundfiles

4 women

(b)

Fire. Fire. burnt. Razed. Consumed - - - - - des.
Razed - - - - - Burnt. Consumed - - - - - Razed. Burnt. Fire - - - - - destroyed - - - - - .

I

The musical score page 21 features three staves. The top staff, labeled "solo", has a treble clef and consists of mostly rests with occasional eighth-note strokes. The middle staff, labeled "computer soundfiles", also has a treble clef and includes a bass clef section. The bottom staff, labeled "4 women", has a soprano clef and contains vocal parts with lyrics: "troyed", "De-voured", and "chah". The score is marked with a dynamic of **MvTr** at measure 233. Measure times alternate between 3/4 and 4/4 throughout the page.

233 **MvTr**

solo

computer soundfiles

4 women

troyed - - - De-voured - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - - E - - -

De-voured - - - De-voured - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - -

De-voured - - - De-voured - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - -

De-voured - - - De-voured - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - - E - - - chah - - -

241

solo

computer soundfiles

4 women

MvTr

chah - - - E - chah - - -

chah - - - E - chah - - -

E - chah - - - F - chah - - -

chah - - -

248 (shouted)

solo

computer soundfiles

4 women

This musical score page features three staves. The top staff, labeled 'solo', consists of five lines of music with lyrics: 'Houses', 'burnt.', 'Gates', 'sun - ken.', and 'Bars'. The middle staff, labeled 'computer soundfiles', contains three lines of music with sustained notes and dynamic markings. The bottom staff, labeled '4 women', has four lines of music with lyrics: 'E - chah', 'chah', 'e - chah', and 'E - chah'. The score is numbered 248 at the top left and includes dynamic markings like 'ff' and 'p' throughout.

J

256 Panicky counting (Hebrew alphabet):
aleph bet gimel duled hey vav zayin khet tet yod kaf lamed mem nun samekh ayin pey tsadi kuf resh shin taf.

shattered.

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

4 women

269

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

E - chah - , Ya - - - iv, be'a - - - po, A - do nai - - el bat - Si-on - .

4 women

K

280

sol

No vi-sion - . No - - - gui - dance - . They

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

Ish-lisch - - - mi sha ma - yim e-retz - - - ti-fe-ret - - - Yis - ra - el. v' - lo - - -

4 women

chah - - - - - E - - - chah - - - - -

288

solo

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

4 women

sit on the ground in si-lence.

A - shes and sack-cloth.

Heads - - - - -

Zacker.

Ha - dom - , ra - glav be yom - - a-po - - - - -

E - - - - chah -

L

294

solo

- bowed to the ground, like a dy - ing man - - - - in the streets of the town - .

computer soundfiles

[lyre - echoes]

the Prophet

4 women

pp E - chah - F -

302 *mp*

solo

O daugh-ters of Jeru-sa-lem - - - ! O daugh-ters - of Zi-on - ! And -

computer soundfiles

4 women

E-chah chah - - - E-chah F-chah E-chah - - - E-chah

f

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is labeled 'solo' and contains lyrics: 'O daugh-ters of Jeru-sa-lem - - - ! O daugh-ters - of Zi-on - ! And -'. The middle staff is labeled 'computer soundfiles' and features three staves, each with a single sustained note. The bottom staff is labeled '4 women' and contains lyrics: 'E-chah chah - - - E-chah F-chah E-chah - - - E-chah'. The score is numbered 302 at the beginning. Dynamics are indicated by 'mp' (mezzo-forte) above the solo staff and 'f' (fortissimo) above the 4 women staff.

314

solo

- - your e-ne-mies - : they clap - , they hiss - , they jeer and gnash - - - - . They rejoice - - - .

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

4 women

of Zi on. Je Ru Sa Lem

Detailed description: This is a musical score page from a vocal and instrumental work. The page contains four systems of music, each with a different vocal part or instrument. System 1 (solo) has lyrics in the vocal line. System 2 (computer soundfiles) consists of two staves, one for bass and one for treble. System 3 (the Prophet) has a single treble staff. System 4 (4 women) has four staves, all in bass clef. The music is written on five-line staves with various note heads and rests. Measure numbers 314 are placed at the beginning of each system. The vocal parts have lyrics written below them.

30

M ♩ = 156

324

solo

A - rise - - - - , A - rise - - - - ! Pour out your heart - - - . A - rise - - , a -

computer
soundfiles

(trumpets....)

4 women

337

solo

rise - - , a - rise - - , a-rise - - a - rise - , a - rise - , a-rise - , a-rise - , a - rise - - , a -

computer
soundfiles

4 women

N

350

solo

rise - - - , pour out your heart - - - - .

computer soundfiles

On the ground - .

urgent...

mp

4 women

362

solo

In the streets - : young and old - - - - , fallen by the sword - - - - . Slaugh-tered

computer soundfiles

O

372

solo

without mer-cy. Wiped - - - out - . A - rise - - - , a - rise - - - , pour out your

computer soundfiles

4 women

This musical score page contains three staves. The top staff is labeled 'solo' and features lyrics: 'without mer-cy.', 'Wiped - - - out - .', 'A - rise - - - ,', 'a - rise - - - ,', and 'pour out your'. The middle staff is labeled 'computer soundfiles' and shows a bass line with various rests and notes. The bottom staff is labeled '4 women' and shows a soprano line with sustained notes and grace notes. The page number '32' is located at the top left. A large, bold letter 'O' is centered above the staves.

384

solo

heart - , A-rise - , a - rise - , a - rise - - , a - rise - - ! A - rise - - , a-rise -

computer soundfiles

4 women

This musical score page contains three staves. The top staff, labeled 'solo', features a melody line with lyrics: 'heart - , A-rise - , a - rise - , a - rise - - , a - rise - - ! A - rise - - , a-rise -'. The middle staff, labeled 'computer soundfiles', consists of two bass staves, both of which are mostly empty with a few notes. The bottom staff, labeled '4 women', consists of four soprano staves, each with a distinct melodic line. The page number '384' is located at the top left.

397

solo

, a-rise - , a - rise - - , a - rise - - - , a-rise - - - - , Pour out your

computer soundfiles

4 women

This musical score page contains three staves. The top staff is labeled 'solo' and features a vocal line with lyrics 'a-rise' repeated in various rhythmic patterns. The middle staff is labeled 'computer soundfiles' and consists primarily of rests, with a few sharp notes appearing near the end. The bottom staff is labeled '4 women' and shows sustained notes with small grace notes above them. The page number '397' is located at the top left, and the vocal line's lyrics are written below the staff.

A musical score page featuring three staves. The top staff, labeled "solo", begins with a dynamic of 408 and includes lyrics "heart - - - - - ! E - - - chah - - - - - - - - -". The middle staff, labeled "computer soundfiles", contains mostly rests. The bottom staff, labeled "sentinels", features lyrics "E - chah - - - - - - - - -" and "b" above some notes. All staves use a treble clef and have five horizontal lines.

III: I am the man driven into darkness

413 $\text{♩} = 56$

solo

computer soundfiles

P

426 $\text{♩} = 96$

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

Kaf - La - med - Mem - Nun - Sa - mekh - .

Q

computer soundfiles

437

the Prophet

computer soundfiles

448

R

computer soundfiles

459

471

computer soundfiles

IN DARKNESS LIKE
THE ETERNALLY
DEAD

[trumpets]

IMPRISONED

477

computer soundfiles

CHAINED AND PLEAD~~~~~

THOUGH I CRY OUT

[natural horn fundamental]

REMEMBER REMEMBER
MY AFFLICTIONS

AND MY SORROWS
DO NOT

[bowed crotale]

486

computer soundfiles

WHEN I CRY OUT~~~~~

SHUT YOUR EARS~~~~~

IV: My children thirst

In free time - reacting (delayed reaction to section 3) and gradually regaining self-control...

$\text{♩} = 56$

489 solo *ff* gasp (inbreath) *mp* (breathy - regaining control) gasp (inbreath) breathing in out
 (ch)ah! - ! Alef. - Bet. - gimel-Dalet.-Hey. Vav. (ch)ah! - E-ah... E - ah... Eāh...E-ah... E-ah... E-ah... E - chah.

computer soundfiles [distant cries] whispered hebrew text [deep tamtam scrape]

Very close microphone on soloist - through to end of section 4

S

Very still - impassive, inward, no projection

503 solo *ppp* E - chah - E - chah - - - - E-chah - - - - . < *f* --

computer soundfiles

solo

514 *pp* 3 5 *ppp* Fa-mine is worse -

My chil-dren thirst, beg for food Skin shri-velled on their bones - .

[treated vocal cries]

computer soundfiles

[bowed crotale]

breathing gasping out Panicky - quite breathy - but re-gaining composure again... *f* half-pitched cry regaining control

523 in - than the sword. E - - - chah. Zayn. Khet. Tet. Yod. Kaf. La-med. Aah.. Ah - . Our eyes strained-

solo

strangled "harmonic" cry

computer soundfiles

533 *pppp* for de li - - - v'rance - .

computer soundfiles

T

(very free time)

breathing in *p* breathing *sfs*

536 solo *sfs* > panic-breathing... Mem. Nun, Sa-mekh. Ayin. (chah) Pey. Tsa-di. Kuf.

(chuh) [tamtam scrape]

computer soundfiles

FADE TAPE TO NOTHING ————— **PAUSE**

544 *mp* *p* *pp* *p* *subito pppp*

solo (chah) Resh. Shin. (chah) Taf. E-chah - . E - chah - . E - chah - - -

This pause may be very uncomfortable.
Eventually she makes a conscious decision to find the strength to continue.

V: Remember

555

solo $\text{♩} = 60$

computer soundfiles $\text{♩} = 96$

[tinkling sound]

whispered hebrew text

START

565

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

A - - - lef - - - . Bet - - - . Gi - mel - . Dalet - . Hey - .

4 women

Ze - chor - a-do-nai - - - . Me - ha - yah - la - nu - . Ha - beyt - - .

Reverberation on 4 women with Prophet

587

solo

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

4 women

595

solo

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

4 women

E - - - - chah - . Re-mem-ber, re-mem-ber - . Re - mem - - - ber -

Sa-mekh - - . Ayin - . Pey - - . Tsa - - - - di. kuf - , resh-

chah - . E-chah - . (Ch)ah - .

V

605

solo Remem - - - ber - . Re - mem - ber - - - - .

computer soundfiles *sfz*

the Prophet shin - - - taf - - - - .

4 women

This musical score page contains four staves. The top staff, labeled 'solo', features lyrics 'Remem - - - ber - .' and 'Re - mem - ber - - - - .' The second staff, labeled 'computer soundfiles', includes a dynamic marking 'sfz' and a sustained note. The third staff, labeled 'the Prophet', has lyrics 'shin - - - taf - - - - .'. The bottom staff, labeled '4 women', consists of four identical staves. The music begins with eighth-note patterns in common time, transitions to sixteenth-note patterns in 5/4 time, and ends with eighth-note patterns in 4/4 time. A large square box containing the letter 'V' is positioned above the 'computer soundfiles' staff.

614

solo

Look and see. Scorched-. Ravaged. Gone - - - is the joy of our hearts - . Our dan-

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

W

624

solo

- - cing - has turned to mour - ning - . Re-mem - ber - . Re-mem - ber - . Re-mem - - - - ber.

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

4 women

635

solo

Remem - ber - . Re-mem - ber - - . Re-member. Re-member. Re-member. Re-member. Re - mem - ber.

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

Ya - - - me - - - nu. Ha - - - desh - - - - - - - Ha-

4 women

chr - - - Zechor - - - Hadesch - - - Hadesch - - - Hadesch - - - Ha-

Zechor - - - Ze-chor - - - Hadesch - - - Hadesch - - - Hadesch - - - Ha-

ff

ff

644

solo

Re-mem-ber - . Re - mem-ber - Re - mem-ber. Re-member - . Remem-ber. Re-mem-ber - .

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

desh - - - - - Ya-me - - - nu - - Ke-che - - - - - dem - - -

4 women

desh - - - - - Ya - - - me - - - - - nu, ke - - - che -

This musical score page contains five staves. The top staff is labeled 'solo' and shows a vocal line with eighth-note patterns and lyrics: 'Re-mem-ber - . Re - mem-ber - Re - mem-ber. Re-member - . Remem-ber. Re-mem-ber - .' The second staff is labeled 'computer soundfiles' and consists of two parallel bass staves with sustained notes. The third staff is labeled 'the Prophet' and has a vocal line with lyrics: 'desh - - - - - Ya-me - - - nu - - Ke-che - - - - - dem - - -'. The fourth staff is labeled '4 women' and also has a vocal line with lyrics: 'desh - - - - - Ya - - - me - - - - - nu, ke - - - che -'. Measure 644 is indicated at the top left. The music uses a combination of common time (4/4) and triple time (3/4). Various dynamics and performance instructions are included throughout the staves.

X

652

f

ff

solo Re - mem - ber - . E - - - - - - - - chah - . E - chah - - - - -

computer soundfiles

the Prophet

4 women dem.

This musical score page contains four staves. The top staff, labeled 'solo', features a vocal line with lyrics: 'Re - mem - ber - .', 'E - - - - - - - - chah - .', and 'E - chah - - - - -'. The second staff, labeled 'computer soundfiles', consists of several horizontal lines with small circles, representing digital audio files. The third staff, labeled 'the Prophet', is mostly blank with a few short notes. The bottom staff, labeled '4 women', also has a mostly blank staff with a single note and a dynamic instruction 'dem.' (diminuendo) placed above it.

Y

A musical score page featuring five staves. The top staff is labeled "solo" and has a tempo marking of 660 and dynamics of *fff*. The second staff is labeled "computer soundfiles". The third staff is labeled "the Prophet" and contains lyrics: "Ha-desh", "Ha-desh", "Ha - desh", and "Ya-". The fourth staff is labeled "4 women" and contains lyrics: "Ha - desh", "Ya - me - nu", "Ke - che - dem", and "Ha - desh". The fifth staff is unlabeled. Various dynamic markings are present, including *f*, *mf*, *mp*, *ff*, and *p*.

Z

673

solo

A-lef. bet. gi-mel. dalet. hey

computer soundfiles

Ah!

[tamtam scrape] [harmonic cluster]

the Prophet

me - - - nu - . Ke-che - - - - dem - .

4 women

Ya-me - - - nu - . ke-ke - - - - dem - .

685

solo

vav za-yin. khet tet. Yod. Kaf. la-med. Mem. Nun. Samekh. Ayin. Pey. Tsa-di. Kuf. Resh. Shin. Taf.

computer soundfiles

[lyre]

Ah!

REMEMBER

695

solo

Re - mem - ber. Re - mem - ber. Re-mem - - - ber. Re - mem -

computer soundfiles

4 women

ha-desh

Ya - me - nu -

706

solo

- ber - . Re - mem - ber - . Re - mem - ber - .

computer soundfiles

4 women

pp Ke - - - - che - dem. *ppp* Ke - che - - - - dem - - - - .

Lights fade very gradually to black -----,

repeat the final phrase - freely (8 or 9 times)

713

solo

Re - mem - ber - .

computer soundfiles

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