

## NOTES:

Kivalina is a small Inuit village in Alaska. Located on a barrier island only 1.9 square miles across, the rising sea level threatens to submerge the village, its people, and their culture.

The second movement is inspired by Inuit throat singing.

*Sedna* is the Inuit goddess of the sea.

*Agloolik* is a mythical creature who lives below the ice.

## I. Home

This.  
 This is my home:  
 this ribbon of ice and snow,  
 this glimmer in the endless blue.  
 Cold and caribou drum,  
 singing songs of Sedna.

This.  
 This is my home.  
 This is my father's house.  
 These steps that led to the sea  
 now disappear into the sea.  
 Disappear.

## II. Hunting the Great Whale

## III. The Sea Rises

The sea rises.  
 Rises up.  
 The sea is just behind the door.  
 And we are weary from watching and waiting.  
 The sea rises.  
 Rises up.  
 The sea is lapping at our toes.  
 The earth is weary of fighting our battles.  
 She melts away,  
 releases the swirling blue.  
 And the sea rises.  
 Rises up.  
 Beneath, Agloolik waits.  
 And he is hungry to swallow the world.  
 This was my home.

## I. Home

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♩=90  
Very free

Mezzo-soprano

Violin

*mp*

This. This is my

*p* *pp* *mp* *p*

sul tasto ord. pizz. arco

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M-S.

home. This is my home: this rib-bon of ice and snow, this

Violin

*mp*

pizz. arco sul tasto ord. pizz.

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M-S.

glim-mer in the end - less blue. Cold and

Violin

*mf*

arco

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M-S.

car - i-bou drum, sing-ing songs of Sed-na. This. This is my home. This is my

Violin

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M-S.

home.

Violin

*f*