

Shared Earth

Lyrics: John Frederick Mason

Music: Carsten Borbye Nielsen

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a 4/4 time signature and contains the lyrics: "I steal no others air, my two shoes plan-ted in this ground, size for-ty-fives. I". The second staff continues with "fill a six-foot square up - right from heel to hair. That's cof-fin-size, and". The third staff continues with "when I am no long - er there, my litt - le mound will soon sub -". The fourth staff concludes with "side. Good - bye, good - byes, our earth is shared." The score includes various chord symbols above the notes: C#m, G#m, C#m, E, B, C#m, G#, E, B, C#m, G#, C#m, G#sus4, G#, E, B, C#m, G#, G#, C#m, G#7, and C#m. There are also some rests and a 3/4 time signature change in the second staff.

C#m G#m C#m E B C#m G#

I steal no others air, my two shoes plan-ted in this ground, size for-ty-fives. I

4 E B C#m G# C#m G#sus4 G#

fill a six-foot square up - right from heel to hair. That's cof-fin-size, and

7 E B C#m

when I am no long - er there, my litt - le mound will soon sub -

10 G# C#m G#sus4 C#m G#7 C#m

side. Good - bye, good - byes, our earth is shared.

SHARED EARTH

I steal no other's air,
my two shoes planted in this ground,
size forty-fives.
I fill a six-foot square
upright from heel to hair.
That's coffin-size,
and when I am no longer there,
my little mound
will soon subside.
Goodbye goodbyes,
our earth is shared.

I fill my need to be
as only I – I mean a lot
to me and mine.
Horizons swallow me
in their infinity,
and stars that shine
shine down on me no matter where
my little plot
or body lies.
Goodbye goodbyes,
our space is shared.

My time is mine to spend.
My birth, the day the world began
in sixty-four.
And as for when it ends,
there's three score years and ten –
and maybe more –
before the Day of Judgement pares
my little span...
But how time flies!
Goodbye goodbyes.
Our time is shared.