

Min Cheng

more

The text of this piece is from a longer poem by Maya Kikuchi '20. She kindly agreed to let me shorten it into the excerpt presented below.

"more"

more than a mirrored pond  
tiled mosaic and glass pebble

more than mango blossoms  
spitted pits aligned like a beating heart

more than hearty broth  
moon bobbing in salted sky

more than skyless cranes  
a bird borne towards the sun

more than life  
beneath the mantle of my tissue-skin  
between curled lava sinew and shelled bone

an island tongue in a vast word

# more

Maya Kikuchi

Min Cheng

*♩=100*  
*mf*

SOPRANO  
more than a mir-rored pond. more than a mir-rored pond tiled mo-

ALTO  
*mp*  
more more

TENOR  
*mp*  
more

BASS

Piano  
(for rehearsal only)  
*mf* *♩=100*  
*mp* *mp*

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sa - ic and glass peb-ble more

more than man-go blos-soms more than man-go blos-soms spit-ted pits a -

more more more more

more more

*p* *p* *p* *p*

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more than

ligned like a beat-ing heart

beat - ing heart

more than more than

more more more more

rit.

♩=86

pp

pp

pp

20

hear-ty broth more than

hear-ty broth moon

more than more than hear-ty broth more than

more than hear-ty broth more than more than more than

more than hear-ty broth more

p

p

p



sky-less cranes more than sky-less cranes a bird borne to-wards a  
 more than sky-less cranes a bird borne to-wards a  
 sky-less cranes more than sky-less cranes a bird borne to-wards the  
 than sky less cranes borne to - wards the sun more than sky-less cranes a

*mf*  
*mp*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mp*  
*mf*

bird borne to-wards the sun a bird borne to-wards the sun a bird borne to-wards the sun  
 bird borne to-wards the sun a bird borne to-wards the sun a bird a bird borne to-wards the sun  
 sun bird borne to-wards the sun bird borne to-wards the sun  
 bird borne to-wards the sun a bird borne to-wards bird borne to-wards the sun

*mp*  
*mp*  
*mp*  
*mp*  
*mp*  
*mp*

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bird borne to-wards the sun borne t'wards the sun more than life more than life.

bird borne to-wards the sun borne t'wards the sun more than life more than life.

bird borne to-wards the sun more than life more than life.

bird borne to-wards the sun more than life more than life.

bird borne to-wards the sun more than life more than life.

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neath ssue

neath ssue

be tis - sue

life be - neath the man-tle of my tis - sue skin be - tween curled

va bone

va bone an is - land

la - va bone an is - land

la - va si - new and shel - led bone

*mf*

*sub. mp*

*mf*

*sub. mp*

*mf*

*sub. mp*

aspirate consonants  
in cutoff

vast

tongue in a vast

tongue in a vast

vast

vast

*mp*

*f*

*pp*

*mp*

*f*

*pp*

*mp*

*f*

*pp*

*pp*

word.

word.

word.

word.