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The Puzzled Goose

Honk!
So this is my voice
without the orchestra behind it.

How curious,
walking on this sidewalk
and now this road
no longer afraid.

Where did they go?

Those harried humans
scurrying to and fro,
those monstrous metal beasts
blaring impatiently.

A towering concrete jungle,
stripped of its heartbeat,
leaving only a skeleton.
Imposing yet bereft,
caressed by a gentle breeze,
now silent.

Our fuzzy little tennis balls
with webby feet,
in springtime,
normally ogled by the paparazzi.

Where did they go?

Not that I'm complaining.
The water sparkles.
The air is clean.

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COVID through the eyes of an avian Manhattanite

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Waddling ♩ = 126

Soprano Solo

Piano

6

S. Solo

Pno.

11

S. Solo

Pno.

Harried

Calm again

15

S. Solo

Pno.

Triumphantly ♩ = 72

Honk! (k) So this is my voice with-out the

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

21 *mf* *mf*

S. Solo

or-ches-tra be - hind it How

Pno.

mp *poco a poco cresc.*

25

S. Solo

cu - ri - ous walk-ing on this side walk_

Pno.

mf

28 $\text{♩} = 126$

S. Solo

and now this road

Pno.

mp

32 *mp* *mf* *accel.*

S. Solo

No lon-ger a - fraid Where did they go?

Pno.

p *p*

38 **A tempo**

S. Solo

Pno.

Those

42

S. Solo

Pno.

har-ried hu-mans scur-ry-ing to and fro Those

47

S. Solo

Pno.

mon-strous me-tal beasts blar - ing!

50 **rit.**

S. Solo

Pno.

blar-ing im - pa-tient-ly!

55 - - - - - **A tempo** Allow piano to decay

S. Solo *f* *f* *p*
A to-wer-ing con-crete jun-gle stripped of its heart-beat

Pno. *ff* *p*

59 ♩ = 60 *mf*
lea-ving on-ly a ske-le-ton

Pno. *f*

63 *mp*
Im - po - sing yet be - reft

Pno. *mp*

67 *mf* *mf*
Ca - ressed

Pno. *mf* 7 7 7

68

S. Solo

by a gen - tle breeze

Pno.

69

S. Solo

now si - - lent

Pno.

71

S. Solo

Pno.

72

S. Solo

Pno.

73 **rit.** $\text{♩} = 126$ $\text{♩} = 80$ *mf*

S. Solo

Our fuz-zy lit-tle ten-nis balls with

Pno.

p

78 $\text{♩} = 126$ $\text{♩} = 80$

S. Solo

web-by feet _____ In spring-time nor-mal-ly og-led by the pa-pa-raz-zi _____

Pno.

p

83 *mp*

S. Solo

Where did they go? Not that I'm com-plain ing _____

Pno.

mf

87 *mf*

S. Solo

The wa - ter spar - kles the air is clean _____

Pno.

mp

92

S. Solo

Pno.

mf

6

6

6

6

93

S. Solo

Pno.

rit.

p

5

5

3

3

3

3