# 5 DIURNES the Bayford $^{\text {POOL }}\left(L^{\text {INCOLN }}\right)$ BY dAY 

[ $0^{\text {ctonic FieLos }} 21{ }^{\text {To }} 25$ ]


Waterways of Lincoln

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## Preface

The following book contains the texts which form part of a set of compositions for piano and spoken voice written in 2013 with music by myself and words by Jim Simm and Thomas Darby. The book also shows how some of these texts were written (or composed).

The book begins with the full text of 5 Diurnes as recorded by Jamie Crofts in 2016.

The rest of the book is made up of a series of 3 appendices:
Appendix 1 explains how, through a series of observations, the texts were 'mined' from the results of a public consultation.

## Appendix 2

The words and the order of the words in Diurnes 1, 4 and 5 can be varied considerably and anyone intending to perform or record the Diurnes should make a new version.*
Appendix 2 provides instructions for how to do this.
Appendix 3 is an article from the Lincolnshire Echo from 2010 which became a source of material for Diurnes 2 and 3 . We are very grateful to the Echo for giving permission to reprint the article here.

* Of course, anyone with the inclination is welcome to create a new version regardless of whether they intend to record or perform the work. If you do make a new version, please share it with us.

People have asked me how the words fit the music in 5 Diurnes. Well, the words aren't intended to fit precisely with the music but rather to just sit alongside it. This isn't, for example, song where each word or syllable is aligned to a pitch or rap where the words fit the beat or rhythm of the music. The words in Diurnes 1,3 and 5 do have fixed starting points but there should be no attempt to make them 'fit' after that.

Jamie Crofts 2016 (writing as Jim Simm)

First of all, I'd like to explain the title:

The related title of Nocturne is well known by those with an interest in classical music. First written by the Irish composer John Field in around 1812 the Nocturne is a musical composition, usually for piano, of the night or, as Wikipedia puts it: "a musical composition that is inspired by, or evocative of, the night." Chopin is well known as a composer of Nocturnes having written 21 compositions bearing the title.

I was the first to use the title Diurne, but now for a musical composition of the day or, if we use the phrase used on Wikipedia for the Nocturne (above): one inspired by, or evocative of, the day. I wrote my first Diurne in 2006 and my Diurnes have always used spoken words with a musical score, most often for piano. Words and music in my Diurnes are sometimes tightly and sometimes loosely connected rhythmically.

The etymology of the word Diurne is perhaps best understood if we think of the defining of animals as being Nocturnal or Diurnal depending on whether they are active in the night or in the day.

Secondly, I'd like to explain the location:
The Brayford Pool plays (and has played for more than 2000 years) a very significant part in the life of the city of Lincoln, the administrative city of the county of Lincolnshire in eastern England.

The Pool is formed of a naturally occurring lake at the confluence of the Foss Dyke Navigation canal and the river Witham and sits in the centre of the city of Lincoln.

The Foss Dyke Navigation canal flows into the pool from the west.
The north bank is occupied by restaurants, pubs, bars, hotels, a cinema and the mooring for the Brayford Belle which gives hour-long trips throughout the summer months navigating the waterways of Lincoln including the Foss Dyke Navigation as far as the Pyewipe Inn.
The south bank is the home of Lincoln University; a new university built with innovative and imaginative design.

Brayford Wharf East is the only side with a road open freely to traffic. It also includes a landing strip used by swans. There are some lively business and office buildings on Brayford East including the Lincolnshire Echo, a weekly printed newspaper and rolling online local news service. The pool also operates as a marina, home to pleasure boats and residential boats; mainly narrowboats which were formerly an important part of industrial transport before the arrival of trains.

One prominent feature of the Brayford Pool is its island, home to a mature weeping willow tree. This has, since the end of 2013 been joined by two smaller islands sensitively
planted to provide a nesting place for swans.
Rumours and tales abound of the island harbouring secrets, that it covers buried treasure, that it is guarded by ancient objects or harbours the spirit of the Lincoln Imp (see links below). The island is the subject of Diurnes 2 and 3 .

The texts for Diurnes 1, 4 and 5 are based on a public consultation which took place in 2013. People were simply asked to complete the statement: "What I like most about the Brayford Pool is..." For more details see the Extended Appendix. The text for Diurne 2 was written by Thomas Darby. Diurnes 2 and 3 were based on a Lincolnshire Echo newspaper article from 2010 with the headline: "Is a long forgotten secret buried beneath the island on the Brayford Pool?"

And finally, the set of Diurnes has the subtitle Octonic Fields 21 to 25 . What do I mean by "Octonic Field".

I use the title Field to describe those of my compositions which sustain a consistent texture throughout. The term is familiar in visual art especially the term "colour field" and I've borrowed the word to apply to my Sonic Fields. I'm not, however, suggesting that my work is in any way attempting a sonic equivalent to colour field art. I invented the word "octonic" to describe eight note scales consisting of 4 whole tones and 4 semitones within the octave. The term "octatonic" is familiar
with musicians and describes a scale which alternates tones with semitones. The octatonic scale was used by many composers from the early $20^{\text {th }}$ Century onwards including Bartok, Stravinsky and Messiaen. I've simply extended the idea and identified six functional octonic scales in all. There are details of this at SOUNDkiosk POLYtechnic on the SOUNDkiosk website: www.soundkiosk.com

Jamie Crofts 2013/14

Links:
Jamie Crofts/Jim Simm/SOUNDkiosk
soundkiosk.com
Thomas Darby
thomasdarby.co.uk
Lincoln Imp
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincoln_Imp
Lincolnshire Echo article

## 5 Diurnes

the Brayford Pool (Lincoln ) by day
[ Octonic Fields 21 to 25 ]
Jim Simm
Thomas Darby

## Diurne 1

the Brayford Pool (Lincoln ) by day
Jim Simm (based on a public consultation)
it can be misty it can be warm
it can be tranquil it can be strange
it can be haunting it can be calm
being by the water living on the water meeting by the water sitting by the water walking by the water passing by the water

I like the atmosphere I like the architecture
I like the history I like the view
I like the buildings I like the buzz
it can be sacred it can be strange it can be pretty it can be blue it can be wild it can be tranquil
relaxing by the water feeding swans by the water passing by the water chatting by the water sitting by the water spending time on the water
it's the bars for me it's the boats for me it's the memories for me it's the geese for me it's the boats for me it's the sunlight for me
it can be pretty it can be misty it can be frozen it can be calm it can be industrial it can be angry
coming and going by the water strolling by the water meeting by the water thinking by the water
living on the water spending time on the water

I like the canoes I like the boats
I like the space I like the atmosphere
I like the light I like the swans

## Diurne 2

## the Brayford Pool ( Lincoln ) by day

## Thomas Darby

## It is morning when you leave your house.

You stroll amiably, aimlessly, enjoying the warmth of the sun on your neck, the cold wind at your ears. You pass cafes and bars, parked cars and shops.
Reaching the water's edge you stop and take in the surroundings.
A couple walk along a path that winds along the canal route.
Glistening sunlight from above bears down as you look across the body of water.
A group of swans languish on the main island.
Some people across the other side are getting onto a boat.
You sit down, pull your legs up to your chest.
In the pool are two other outcrops of growing vegetation.
She has red hair, he has a green coat.
They have netting around each perimeter.
The largest island has a tree, it sways gently back and forth.
They are holding hands.
The boat has begun to move across the water towards the centre.
You put one foot in the water.
In the tree something else moves.
The water's cold.
The couple have stopped and are now looking at you.
You wonder how deep it is as you step in further.

There is a large unusual contraption on the back of the boat.
They are shouting, making gestures with their arms.
The tree moves in green swathes with the wind.
It's up to your waist now.
Your feet are heavy in the watery sludge, making it difficult to progress.
You watch something step down from inside the tree.
The swans are disturbed, and hurry onto the water.
Up to your chest now.
Indiscriminate voices calling out.
The vessel floats closer.
It is stood hunched in the shadow of the veiled trunk.
Up to your neck.
Looking back you see small waves of green and red.
The shadow moves from under the tree.
Again she squeezes it, but harder this time.
The apparatus sounds mechanical.
The swans fly away.
With your next step you submerge totally.
You hold your breath.
The sound is dense and repetitive.
Vague shapes of blue surround you.
Descend further down.
More people are stopping, a crowd gathers.
It is darker now.
A loud splash comes from behind the boat.
Churning noises wrench immersed.
Green and red and blue swirl together.

The boat turns slowly, circling the island.
Step by careful step on the slippery stones.
Sonar rays pulse unseen infiltrations.
There is an increased difficulty in moving.
The on board computer blip blips.
The verdant shadow slinks over the water.
The crowd gasp.
You hold your arms out, your lungs burn.
Breath escapes your mouth.
Bubbles burst on the surface drawing an unsteady line towards the island.
All of this is being watched through mobile phones held at arms length.
Darkness moves around you.
The waterbed begins to incline with each slow step.
The noise of the boat engine passes overhead again.
You reach down, running your fingers along the slime-covered debris.
Perforating waves bounce back and forth.
Green and red hold each other tighter.
The darkness grows in front of you.
Your fingers run along its ridge.
Some people on the embankment have noticed the swarthy form on the island.
You bend over and take the strain.
Blip blip blip blip.
Encircle round and round.
Screams, movement contained.
They clasp, fastening tight around its side.
Printouts are being studied.
The shadow watches you from above the surface.

You straighten and stand, the relic in your grasp.
Blip blip bleep.
Holding it carefully in your arms you resume the incline.
It shifts backwards under the overhanging branches, out of sight.
Your head breaches the water's surface.
And up into the tree again.
Voices now hushed in broken sentences are carried towards you.
Held tightly, white stricken faces blink.
All the crew are on deck staring.
Pulling your wet frame out of the water you breach the shore.
Tense movements ripple among the crowd.
Wide eyed green and red and tight.
You hold the remains aloft.
The hands on the dials spin to maximum.
Red lights jostle for the best angle.
The engine cuts out but the boat continues to drift.
It drips as you walk carefully around the circumference.
The water levels sink with each step.
Stunted gasps from the onlookers surround the bay.
Swans have returned and are circling overhead in the sky.
Broken husks emerge creaking from the water as it drains.
You stop on the fifth revolution of the island.
The familiar lapping turns to dense squelches as the last of the river gives way to mud.
The heat is so very intense, the wind cold at your ears.
A coiling emits from within the branches.
You lay the remains on the sand.
And step up into the tree.

Then silence.

## Diurne 3

the Brayford Pool (Lincoln ) by day
Jim Simm
27 Questions about the
Brayford Pool Island

Is a long forgotten secret buried beneath the island on the Brayford Pool?
Is there a mystery waiting to be solved?
Is someone taking on the task of uncovering the mystery?

Are they open to offers from anyone with information?
Is the island believed to be something ancient... something modern?
What is buried under the island... beneath the island?

Is it or is it not more than 50 years old?
Is it true the people of Lincoln can only guess?
Is it perhaps guarded by ancient objects?
Is the island believed to possess the spirit of the Lincoln Imp?
Are there rumours the area might hold the remains of an ancient vessel?
Did further investigations reveal any conclusive evidence?

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Based on an article in the Lincolnshire Echo

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the island on the Brayford Pool?"
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(see Appendix 3)
"Is it true that the Brayford doesn't
have a bottom; that it goes on
forever?" Cath, local resident

Were the investigations made in collaboration with a maritime organisation?
Beneath the modern day island were there finds of medieval pottery?
Was an obstruction discovered, buried at some depth, south east of the island?
Is it true that we do not know the nature of the site?
Would Time Team be interested in taking it on?
What is this inland city port and what is the nature of the site?

Was an operation to clear the pool conducted?

Has it been dredged a number of times?

Is more work to be carried out due to the nature of the site?

Perhaps it is protected by other objects of mystery located towards the south bank?
Is it made up of old computer screens, crisp bags, fags, beer cans, and other rubbish?
Is it true that a photo exists from 1957 in which the island does not appear to be there?
Until someone decides, is there any further work to be carried out?
Were 25 shipwrecks removed from the water in 1964?
Are guardians of the area aware that a sonar survey of the Pool was done about 20 years ago?

## Diurne 4

the Brayford Pool ( Lincoln ) by day
Jim Simm (based on a public consultation)
the city - edge of the city - the sacred city
each time I pass by I view memories strangely haunting diverse and interesting by the water on the water or at the water's edge we are close to the city
frozen gasping ghosts
throwing together times and memories
going to and fro
by the water or water's edge
it is the edge of the city
each time I pass by I view memories of
a tranquil place
it is the water's edge
it is the edge of the city
strangely haunting with
memories over decades revisited
where light plays on the water
so close to the city
going to and fro are
memories of the diverse and
ever changing sights
of sunlight hitting water
it is city life and nature
ever changing sights of
people coming together
where light plays on water
at the edge of the city
sights sounds smells
throwing together times and memories
of watching the water
at the edge of the city
the multitude of lights are
strangely haunting
ever changing sights
of sunlight the water evening
it is any other city
going from sense to sense I am amazed
misty sunken ghosts with
memories over decades revisited
it is the sunlight hitting water
it is city life and nature
sights sounds smells
ever changing sights
swans swans the swans the swans the swans
light playing on water
it is wild life and city life
memories enhanced enclosed diverse memories over decades revisited of sunlight hitting water
of sunlight the water evening of the city of any city
frozen gasping ghosts become a multitude of lights on the water or at the water's edge it is the edge of the city
people come together with their memories enhanced enclosed diverse strangely haunting sunlight hits water in the city the sacred city
a multitude of lights
throwing together times and memories of watching the water
we are close to the city
each time I pass by I view memories of swans swans the swans the swans the swans
by the water or water's edge
so close to the city

## Diurne 5

the Brayford Pool ( Lincoln ) by day
Jim Simm (based on a public consultation)
coming and going on the water eating by the water relaxing by the water thinking on the water eating by the water drinking by the water
a place where people eat a place where people go
a place where people stroll a place where people work
a place where people play a place where people live
memories of different histories memories of sunken spaces memories of tranquil times memories of busy lives memories of industrial architecture memories of warm summers
sitting by the water sketching the water
living by the water walking by the water passing by the water relaxing by the water
a place where people thrive a place where people change
a place where people go a place where people drink
a place where people create a place where people meet
memories of busy waves memories of key events memories of different communities memories of frozen ghosts memories of misty sunlight memories of frozen ripples
meeting by the water chatting by the water feeding swans by the water playing by the water spending time on the water watching the water
a place where people sit a place where people feel
a place where people watch a place where people relax
a place where people pass by a place where people sit
memories of wild nature memories of angry winds memories of misty 'romance' memories of sunken decades memories of industrial buildings memories of sacred summers (piano a niente)

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## Introduction

If we take 5 Diurnes standing alone as a set of writings, what you've read so far in this book is complete.

However, if you intend to perform or record the Diurnes in their incarnation as a set of compositions for piano with spoken voice, or if you're just curious and want to take the book a stage further, you'll need these appendices, one of which explains how to create new versions of three of them.

Diurnes 2 and 3 are fixed as published here. Written by Thomas Darby (2) and Jim Simm (3), they are both based on an article from the Lincolnshire Echo from Wednesday 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ July 2010: "Is a long forgotten secret buried beneath the island on the Brayford Pool?"

1, 4 and 5 however are much more fluid and can exist in many different versions.

What 1,4 and 5 have in common is that they are based on the results of a public consultation conducted in Lincoln during April and May 2013. This wasn't anything elaborate, just a request to complete the sentence:
"What I like most about the Brayford Pool is..."
People were able to take part in the consultation by filling in a printed card available in the Lincoln area, by emailing an answer, by posting on Twitter using the hashtag \#5Diurnes, or by visiting the online survey website SurveyMonkey.

Appendix 1 explains how the words used in the Diurnes were 'mined' from the results of the public consultation. The appendix includes a series of observations on the responses to the consultation and how specific phrases from the responses were used in the final texts.

Appendix 2 explains how to create new versions of Diurnes 1, 4 and 5 .

Appendix 3 is a reprint of an article from the Lincolnshre Echo from July 21st 2010 which formed the basis of Diurnes 2 and 3.

## Appendix 1

A look at the results of the public consultation and how the words for Diurnes 1, 4 and 5 were 'mined' from these results.

The public consultation, conducted during April and May 2013 involved a simple request; participants were asked to complete the sentence:
"What I like most about the Brayford Pool is..."

## Observation 1

The ten nouns most frequently used by the respondents read as a portrait in miniature of the Brayford Pool
water
city
swans
life
restaurants
university
time
boats
ducks
people

## Observation 2

Words used by the respondents in alphabetical order

9pm-4am a aborted about abroad across activity affects all almost along also although am amazed amenity an and angry any appearance architecture are area around as at atmosphere available backdrop bar barges be beckoning being between beyond bicycles blue boat boats both Brayford bridge bring buildings busy but buzz by Cadets café calm can canoeists Cathedral centre changing chatting city classier close come coming commerciality community constantly course create dark decades diamond different disappeared diverse down drinking drowned ducks each eaten eating edge enclosed enhanced enjoying enjoyment especially evening events ever everything excites facilities families family feed feel fighting fish fluorescent for fornicating four friends fro from frozen gained gasping ghosts giggle go going good goose gulls half happiness has haunting have having he's heard him his history hitting hive how I I've if in indignant individual industrial interesting is it it's key landings large least life light lights like Lincoln links lit lived locks madness makes matter me meet memories misty mixture multitude my narrow nature new nice nicely night no now occur of off on once one openness or order other outside over part party pass passing pavilion peaks people picturesque place plays Pool presence pretty putting questionable quite really relax restaurant restaurants revisited ripples rippling 'romance' rooms sacred sadly scaring Scream Sea seen seized sense several shelter shopping sights since sitting sketched smells so someone son sounds space spend sports spot started stones stood strange strangely streams strolling such summer sunken sunlight surrounded swan swans swimming takeaways than that that's the there they thing thinks those thriving through throwing time times to together too town tranquil trips trolleys trying J.M.W. Turner uni university up used view vomiting walk wanted warm was watch watching water water's watercolour waters wave way weather what when where which who wild wind window with working years you you're

## Observation 3

Words used by the respondents in order of frequency
the of and it to is a water city by in it's swans I life when at as all which Brayford me that or can once restaurants for university time Lincoln on boats ducks with people night nice place way be up where view memories each summer swan pretty area edge atmosphere how weather going from sense so has watching really ever he's such now changing watch was bring like used tranquil over sacred rooms rippling ripples sadly 'romance' scaring seen part seized Sea Scream outside party pass restaurant putting picturesque questionable one plays Pool occur presence quite peaks passing relax off pavilion other openness order several revisited strangely trolleys trips trying J.M.W. Turner vomiting uni town too thriving those through throwing together times walk wanted window wind working years you're you wild who water's warm watercolour waters what wave thinks thing space sounds spend sports started spot son someone sights shopping since sitting smells sketched stones stood takeaways swimming than that's they there surrounded sunlight no strange streams strolling sunken shelter lit classier chatting centre close come commerciality coming Cathedral canoeists but busy buzz cadets calm café community constantly drowned drinking down eaten eating enhanced enclosed diverse disappeared create course dark decades different diamond buildings bridge am although also amazed an amenity any angry along almost about aborted abroad across affects activity appearance architecture beyond between bicycles blue both boat being beckoning around are available backdrop barges bar enjoying enjoyment interesting industrial key landings least large individual indignant history his hitting hive if I've light lights multitude mixture misty my narrow new nature meet matter $9 \mathrm{pm}-4 \mathrm{am}$ links lived locks makes madness him heard fighting feel feed fish fluorescent four fornicating family families evening especially events everything facilities excites friends fro half gulls happiness haunting having have goose good gained frozen gasping ghosts go giggle nicely

Certain short phrases were used widely by the respondents.
These phrases formed the basis of the texts for diurnes 1 and 5
it can be ...
... on/by the water
I like the ... (or it's the ... for me)
a place where people ...
memories of ...

In Diurnes 1 and 5 these became more specifically:
it can be <adjective>
$<$ verb> on the water
<verb> by the water
I like the <noun> (or it's the <noun> for me)
a place where people <verb>
memories of <adjective> <noun>

For example:
it can be strange
living on the water
sitting by the water
I like the architecture (or it's the history for me)
a place where people stroll
memories of tranquil ripples

I took the two most commonly used nouns from the responses, 'water' and 'city', and I added 'memory'.

The idea of memory came up a number of times in the responses, for example:
"What I like most about the Brayford Pool is enjoyment families and friends, strolling along or eating \& drinking \& chatting. That it is used: by boats passing through; by the Sea Cadets. Memories of events over decades, revisited each time I pass by."

These three key words form the basis of Diurne 4.
memory
water
city

Phrases in diurne 4 are taken from the responses, from the word lists both alphabetical and by frequency, and some constructed by me freely from the vocabulary (perhaps "pool of words") provided by the consultation.

For example:

Memory:
each time I pass by I view memories of a tranquil place

Water:
where light plays on water

City:
it is city life and nature

Here is an example of a complete Diurne 4 verse. Appendix 2
gives details of how to construct a Diurne 4 verse.
a multitude of lights
throwing together times and memories
of watching the water
we are close to the city

## Appendix 2

This section of the book shows how to create new versions of Diurnes 1,4 and 5 . The idea is that no two performances or recordings are the same so, following the instructions below, create your own version of the text. The basic structure of each Diurne is exactly as seen in the versions found in the main body of the book; the difference is in the detail.
diurne 1
the Brayford Pool by day

Instructions for the creation of a new version
Using the chart on the next page create nine verses Instructions continue after the chart
diurne 1
the Brayford Pool by day
angry
blue
busy
calm
frozen
haunting
it can be
industrial
misty
being
chatting
coming and going
giggling
living
relaxing
spending time

thinking $|$| drinking |
| ---: |
| eating |
| feeding swans |
| meeting |
| passing |
| playing |
| sitting |

pretty
sacred
strange
tranquil
warm
wild

the water
on
or
by

I like the
it's the
activity
architecture
atmosphere
barges
bars (or cafés or restaurants)
boats
buildings
buzz
canoes
ducks (or geese or gulls or swans)
history
light
memories
sounds
space
sunlight
view
once only in each reading/performance
sketching the water
watching the water

## diurne 1 <br> the Brayford Pool by day

## Create verse 1 - "it can be..."

From column 1 on the chart create 3 lines, 2 statements in each line, 6 statements altogether: e.g.
it can be haunting it can be pretty
it can be warm it can be wild
it can be misty it can be strange

Create verse 2 - "...on/by the water"
From column 2 on the chart create 3 lines, 2 statements in each line, 6 statements altogether: e.g.
being on the water living on the water
drinking by the water relaxing on the water strolling by the water playing by the water

So far we have:

Verse 1
it can be haunting it can be pretty
it can be warm it can be wild
it can be misty it can be strange
Verse 2
being on the water living on the water drinking by the water relaxing on the water strolling by the water playing by the water

## diurne 1 <br> the Brayford Pool by day

Create verse 3 - "i like the..."
From column 3 on the chart create 3 lines, 2 statements in each line, 6 statements altogether:
e.g.
i like the light i like the space
$i$ like the sounds $i$ like the boats
i like the architecture i like the atmosphere

And now we have:
Verse 1
it can be haunting it can be pretty
it can be warm it can be wild
it can be misty it can be strange
Verse 2
being on the water living on the water drinking by the water relaxing on the water strolling by the water playing by the water

Verse 3
i like the light i like the space
i like the sounds i like the boats
i like the architecture i like the atmosphere

## diurne 1

## the Brayford Pool by day

Verses 4 and 5 are created the same way as verses 1 and 2 .
Verse 6 uses column 3, but this time reading vertically, downwards - "it's the... for me"
e.g.
it's the buzz for me it's the history for me
it's the sunlight for me it's the buildings for me
it's the boats for me it's the restaurants for me

| it's the | And so we have: |
| :--- | :--- |
| activity <br> architecture <br> atmosphere <br> barges <br> bars (or cafés or restaurants) <br> boats <br> buildings <br> buzz <br> canoes <br> ducks (or geese or gulls or swans) <br> history <br> light <br> memories <br> sounds <br> space <br> sunlight <br> view | Verse 4 <br> it can be busy it can be frozen <br> it can be misty it can be sacred <br> it can betty it can be angry |
|  | Verse 5 |$\quad$| coming and going by the water meeting by the water |
| :--- |
| passing by the water relaxing on the water |
| feeding swans by the water spending time on the water |

## for me

## diurne 1

## the Brayford Pool by day

Verses 7, 8 and 9 complete the Diurne and are constructed , exactly the same way as verses 1,2 and 3 respectively.

The chart also includes the possibility of including the phrases sketching the water
watching the water
And here's a complete, new version of Diurne 1:
once only in any one reading or performance.
it can be haunting it can be pretty
it can be warm it can be wild
it can be misty it can be strange
being on the water living on the water drinking by the water relaxing on the water strolling by the water playing by the water
i like the light i like the space
i like the sounds i like the boats
i like the architecture i like the atmosphere
it can be busy it can be frozen it can be misty it can be sacred it can be pretty it can be angry
coming and going by the water meeting by the water passing by the water relaxing on the water feeding swans by the water spending time on the water
it's the buzz for me it's the history for me it's the sunlight for me it's the buildings for me it's the boats for me it's the restaurants for me
it can be blue it can be frozen
it can be pretty it can be busy
it can be industrial it can be calm
being on the water being by the water drinking by the water strolling by the water playing on the water sketching the water

I like the ducks I like the swans
I like the barges I like the canoes
I like the sounds I like the memories
diurne 4
the Brayford Pool by day

Instructions for the creation of a new version
Using the chart on the next page create fifteen verses Instructions continue after the chart
column 1 - memory
sights sounds smells
strangely haunting
a tranquil place
going to and fro
misty sunken ghosts
frozen gasping ghosts
ever changing sights
a/the multitude of lights
people come together
diverse and interesting
memories of the diverse
column 1 phrases may be linked by any of these words:

## of

are
become
and
by
with
with its/their
swans swans the swans the swans the swans
memories enhanced enclosed diverse
each time I pass by I view memories
throwing together times and memories
going from sense to sense I am amazed
memories over decades revisited

## column 2 - water

where $\mid$ sunlight hits water
the light plays on (the) water
the
it is the
sunlight the water evening

| it is the | sunlight hitting water |
| ---: | ---: |
| of |  |

of | watching the water
(related to 'memories' in column 1)

| it is | $\begin{array}{l}\text { On the water } \\ \text { by the water }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- |


| it is |
| ---: | ---: |
| it is the |

it is the $\mid$ water's edge
the water or water's edge
by the water or water's edge
on the water or at the water's edge
the Brayford Pool by day
(3)
column 3 - city

| we are | close to the city |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| so |  |

at $\mid$ the edge of the city
in
a water city the sacred city
the city
any city
any other city
of
city life and nature wild life and city life

## diurne 4

## the Brayford Pool by day

Construct the 15 verses in the same way (with possible variations)
Each verse takes:
two or three phrases from column 1 - memory
one phrase from column 2 - water and
one phrase from column 3 - city
From column 1, for example:
a multitude of lights
memories over decades revisited
throwing together times and memories
misty sunken ghosts
Variation 1: add optional link words (here I've used 'become' and 'of')
a multitude of lights become memories over decades revisited
throwing together times and memories of misty sunken ghosts
From column 2, for example:
it is light playing on water
From column 3, for example:
we are close to the city
diurne 4

## the Brayford Pool by day

Our first sample verse, then, is:
a multitude of lights become memories over decades revisited throwing together times and memories of misty sunken ghosts it is light playing on water
we are close to the city
Variation 2: The tense of verbs may be altered, e.g. a multitude of lights became memories over decades revisited threw together times and memories of misty sunken ghosts it was light playing on water
we were close to the city
Alternative construction (use this less often): two or three phrases from column 1 - memory
two phrases from column 2 - water and one from column 3 - city OR one phrase from column 2 and two phrases from column 3 two from column 2 is more likely than two from column 3

Add this line before the 15 verses the city - edge of the city - the sacred city

In columns 2 and 3 the words to the left of the vertical lines are optional.
e.g. all of these are possible in column 2 :
sunlight hits water
where sunlight hits water
the sunlight hits water
and all of these are possible in column 3:
the edge of the city
at the edge of the city
it is the edge of the city
it is at the edge of the city
diurne 5
the Brayford Pool by day

Instructions for the creation of a new version
Using the chart on the next page create nine verses Instructions continue after the chart

diurne 5
being
chatting
coming and going
giggling
living
relaxing
spending time
thinking $|$
once only in each reading/performance sketching the water watching the water

or
by where people
the water
by
strolling/walking
the Brayford Pool by day

Where people $\quad$| change |
| :--- |
| chat |
| come |
| create |
| drink |
| eat |
| feel |
| go |
| live |
| meet |
| pass by |
| play |
| relax |
| sit |
| sketch |
| stroll |
| think |
| thrive |
| walk |
| watch |
| work |

## diurne 5 <br> the Brayford Pool by day

Diurne 5 has the same structure as Diurne 1

Create verse 1 - "... on/by the water"
From column 1 on the chart create 3 lines, 2 statements in each line, 6 statements altogether: e.g.
strolling by the water spending time by the water
meeting by the water relaxing on the water
living on the water passing by the water

Create verse 2 - "a place where people ..."
From column 2 on the chart create 3 lines, 2 statements in each line, 6 statements altogether: e.g.
a place where people relax a place where people play
a place where people eat a place where people stroll
a place where people sketch a place where people sit

Create verse 3 - "memories of <adjective> <noun>"
From column 3 on the chart create 3 lines, 2 statements in each line, 6 statements altogether: e.g.
memories of blue lights memories of sacred places memories of sunken ghosts memories of wild 'romance' memories of interesting histories memories of misty nights

## diurne 5 <br> the Brayford Pool by day

The chart also includes the possibility of including the phrases
sketching the water
watching the water
once only in any one reading or performance.
And so we have:

## Verse 1

strolling by the water spending time by the water meeting by the water relaxing on the water living on the water passing by the water

Verse 2
a place where people relax a place where people play a place where people eat a place where people stroll a place where people sketch a place where people sit

## Verse 3

memories of blue lights memories of sacred places memories of sunken ghosts memories of wild 'romance' memories of interesting histories memories of misty nights

Diurne 5 is more straightforward than Diurne 1.
They have the same structure of
nine verses, three lines per verse, two statements in each line, but there are fewer variations in Diurne 5:

So, simply construct verses 4,5 and 6
and
7, 8 and 9
in the same way as verses 1,2 and 3 respectively.
See overleaf for a new version of Diurne 5 created in this way.

## diurne 5

## the Brayford Pool by day

So here's the new version of Diurne 5 :

By the way:
As with Diurne 1, the chart also includes the possibility of including the phrases:
sketching the water
or
watching the water
once only in any one reading or performance.
strolling by the water spending time by the water meeting by the water relaxing on the water living on the water passing by the water
a place where people relax a place where people play a place where people eat a place where people stroll a place where people sketch a place where people sit
memories of blue lights memories of sacred places memories of sunken ghosts memories of wild 'romance' memories of interesting histories memories of misty nights
passing by the water drinking by the water watching the water thinking on the water giggling on the water chatting by the water
a place where people come a place where people feel
a place where people thrive a place where people change
a place where people watch a place where people work
memories of key events memories of busy things memories of narrow buildings memories of tranquil summers memories of several canoeists memories of wild winds
drinking by the water feeding swans by the water being on the water living on the water
passing by the water feeding swans by the water
a place where people think a place where people thrive
a place where people walk a place where people play
a place where people come by a place where people stroll
memories of narrowboats memories of angry waves
memories of different communities memories of busy events
memories of industrial decades memories of sunken histories (piano a niente)

## Appendix 3

Is a long-forgotten secret buried beneath the island in the Brayford Pool?
Lincolnshire Echo
July $21^{\text {st }} 2010$

WHAT is buried under an island in Lincoln's Brayford Pool is a mystery waiting to be solved, according to guardians of the area.

The island, which lies at the south-eastern corner of the pool, is not believed to be a natural formation as the area was built by the Romans.

But, with rumours the area might be of historical interest, members of the group who look after the waterway say they are open to offers from anyone with information or the will to investigate.

John Handley, secretary of the Brayford Trust, said it was rumoured that beneath the modern day island lay the remains of an ancient vessel.

He said: "Following a survey conductedvin 1994 by the University of Cambridge, in collaboration with a maritime organisation, an obstruction was discovered south east of the island.
"It was believed to have been an old boat but no conclusive evidence was found."

He said no further work had been carried out because the nature of the site would make it expensive, but the thought it might make an ideal project for a university student.

Until someone decides to take on the task of uncovering the mystery of the Brayford island, the people of Lincoln can only guess what might lay beneath it.

Jennifer Waller Brown, 25, of Lincoln, said she hoped the island may have built up on top of lost pirate treasure.

She said: "Perhaps it is guarded by the spirit of the Lincoln imp."

Originally dug out by Romans and later used by the Vikings, Brayford Pool has operated as an inland port in the city for almost 2,000 years.

In 1964, five years before the Brayford Trust was founded, an operation to clear the pool was conducted and 25 shipwrecks were removed from the water.

The island is believed to be not more than 50 years old. Dr Mick Jones, city archaeologist at the City of Lincoln Council, said: "I'm aware that a sonar survey of the Brayford Pool was done about 20 years ago, which revealed a large object buried at some depth towards the south bank, but we don't know what this is and, without further investigations, we'll never know.
"It could be something ancient or something modern. The pool has been dredged a number of times, which produced finds of medieval and later pottery and other objects, so it is possible that ancient objects will have survived in the parts of the pool that haven't been dredged."

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$5 D^{\text {DUNES }}$ (2013)
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[ $0^{\text {ctonic Fields }} 21{ }^{\text {to }} 25$ ]

General notes on the titles:

First, the related title, Nocturne: A Nocturne is well known by those with an interest in classical music as a composition of the night, Wikipedia saying, "...inspired by, or evocative of, the night".

Diurne: A musical composition of the day, as a Nocturne is of the night.
I was the first to use the title Diurne to describe a composition of the day or, to paraphrase Wikipedia, one ispired by, or evocative of, the day. I wrote my first Diurne in 2006 and my Diurnes have always used spoken words with a musical score, most often for piano. Words and music in my Diurnes are sometimes tightly and sometimes loosely connected rhythmically.

The etymology of the word Diurne is perhaps best understood if we think of the defining of animals as being Nocturnal or Diurnal depending on whether they are active in the night or in the day.

Octonic Field: Although the 5 Diurnes stand alone as a set, they also form part of my ongoing series of Octonic Fields. My Octonic Fields are written using Octonic Modes ( 8 note modes which divide the octave into 4 tones and 4 semitones). You can read more about Octonics at SOUNDkiosk POLYtechnic on the SOUNDkiosk website: www.soundkiosk.com
(Please note that my Octonic Fields are numbered in Octal (base 8).
These 5 Octonic Fields are numbered 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25).

Note on the Brayford Pool:
For more than 2000 years the Brayford Pool has played a significant part in the life of the city of Lincoln, the administrative city of the county of Lincolnshire on the east coast of England.

The Pool is a body of water formed of a naturally occurring lake at the confluence of the Foss Dyke Navigation canal and the river Witham and sits in the centre of the city of Lincoln.

Brayford Pool


River Witham

The Foss Dyke Navigation canal, the theme of the first set of Waterways of Lincoln compositions, flows into the pool from the west. The north bank is occupied by numerous restaurants, bars, hotels, a cinema and the mooring for the Brayford Belle which gives hour-long trips throughout the summer navigating the Brayford Pool and the Foss Dyke Navigation as far as the Pyewipe Inn. The south bank houses the main site of Lincoln University.
The east bank is a roadway connecting the north and the south. It also provides a landing strip used by swans. There are also some lively business and office buildings including the Lincolnshire Echo, published as a weekly printed newspaper and rolling online news website. The pool also operates as a marina, home to pleasure boats and residential boats; mainly narrowboats which were formerly an important part of industrial transport before the arrival of trains.

One prominent feature of the Brayford Pool is its island, home to a mature weeping willow tree. This has, since the end of 2013, been joined by two smaller floating islands sensitively planted to provide a nesting place for swans. Rumours and tales abound of the island harbouring secrets, that it covers buried treasure, that it is guarded by ancient objects or that it harbours the spirit of the Lincoln Imp (see the accompanying book: 5 Diurnes. The island is the subject of Diurnes 2 and 3).

You can read more about the Brayford Pool on Wikipedia

## The texts:

The texts for Diurnes 1, 4 and 5 are based on a public consultation which took place in 2013. People were simply asked to complete the statement: "What I like most about the Brayford Pool is..."
Diurnes 2 and 3 were based on a Lincolnshire Echo newspaper article from 2010 with the headline: "Is a long forgotten secret buried beneath the island on the Brayford Pool?" Diurne 2 is a story by Thomas Darby and Diurne 3 relates the newspaper article as a series of questions.
More details about the texts and how to create a new version for recording or performance can be found in the book which forms part of the Waterways of Lincoln project. Available from SOUNDkiosk.

## Performance Notes:

The 5 Brayford Diurnes are written for piano and speaker.
The piano parts intersperse active bars with 'floating' bars in which there is little or no new activity (this is every 3 rd bar throughout the 5 compositions). In Diurnes 1,3 and 5, these (inactive) bars are the same length (time signature) as the active bars.
In Diurnes 2 and 4 the inactive bars are a different length, as indicated in the score.
The pedal is used throughout and is held across these inactive bars, sustaining the sounds from preceding, active bars.

Accidentals apply to a single note, even within a bar.
At the time of writing (June 2016) I'm still developing this style of composition and some of the spellings of notes in these Diurnes may seem eccentric. Most often I've maintained the integrity of my primary intervals (Major 3rds, Major 7ths and 5ths) using a specific spelling to support those intervals. For example, in bar 37 of Diurne 1 there is a Major 3rd (E with G sharp) and a Major 7th (A flat and G) giving us a $G$ sharp and an $A$ flat in the same bar. Does it go without saying that, in equal temperament, these notes indicate the same pitch? The piano is one of Josef Matthias Hauer's atonal instruments.

When I write " without accent" as a performance direction I do not mean that there will be no fluctuation in intensity between events (as that would be monotony). It is primarily a direction not to accent the beginnings of bars or the beginnings of rhythmic phrases nor to create on beats and off beats. There will of course be some natural fluctuation and expression but if there is any phrasing, allow it to emerge, uncontrived. Also, no syncopation

The spoken words are not intended to fit in any precise way with the piano part. In Diurnes 1, 3, 4 and 5 the speaker begins in the inactive bars where indicated once the piano has finished playing. (In the first recording of the 5 Diurnes you can hear that there is some flexibility with this). In Diurne 2, the Diurne text written by Thomas Darby, the speaker begins where indicated in the score and continues to read each line, spaced evenly, throughout the piece, ending with "then silence" once the piano has finished. The voice part may be spoken with any accent, or translated into any language, though the aim in speaking Diurnes 1, 3, 4 and 5 is to evoke a documentary style: The imparting of information. In English this may approximate to Received Pronunciation.

## Performance notes continued

Each Diurne has a core rhythm (shown below). While it can be helpful that the performer is aware of these rhythms when playing the Diurnes, when played without (or with minimal) accent, the core rhythm will, most of the time, be disguised from the listener.

Secondary staves in 2,3 and 4 show substitutions for eighth or dotted eighth notes. At other points in the Diurnes eighths and dotted eighths are sometimes replaced with two or three sixteenths.

Diurne 1


Diurne 2

Diurne 3

Diurne 4

Diurne 5


An accidental applies only to the note it precedes.
Examples of this in Diurne 1:
Bar 41: G \# immediately followed by $\mathrm{G}^{\boldsymbol{h}}$
Bar 52: $G \#$ immediately followed by $G^{\natural}$ with $A^{b}$ in the bass clef.

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\text { [ } 0^{\text {ctonic FIELD }} 21 \text { ] }
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Without accent $\boldsymbol{C}^{\prime}=\mathrm{c} .96$ (Accidentals apply to one note only - please see Preface before playing)


Use Ped throughout


* Split large chords. Non Arpeggio

* remember - accidentals, one note only!

very slow arpeggio


Without accent $\boldsymbol{d}=\mathrm{c} 60$ (Accidentals apply to one note only)


> (voice, before piano begins) "It is morning when you leave the house." Use Ped throughout

All other lines spaced evenly throughout.




(ped)
(voice, after piano finishes) "Then silence."

Without accent $=$ c. 64 (Accidentals apply to one note only)


Use Ped throughout









Without accent $\quad=\mathrm{c} .80$ (Accidentals apply to one note only)


Use Ped throughout






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