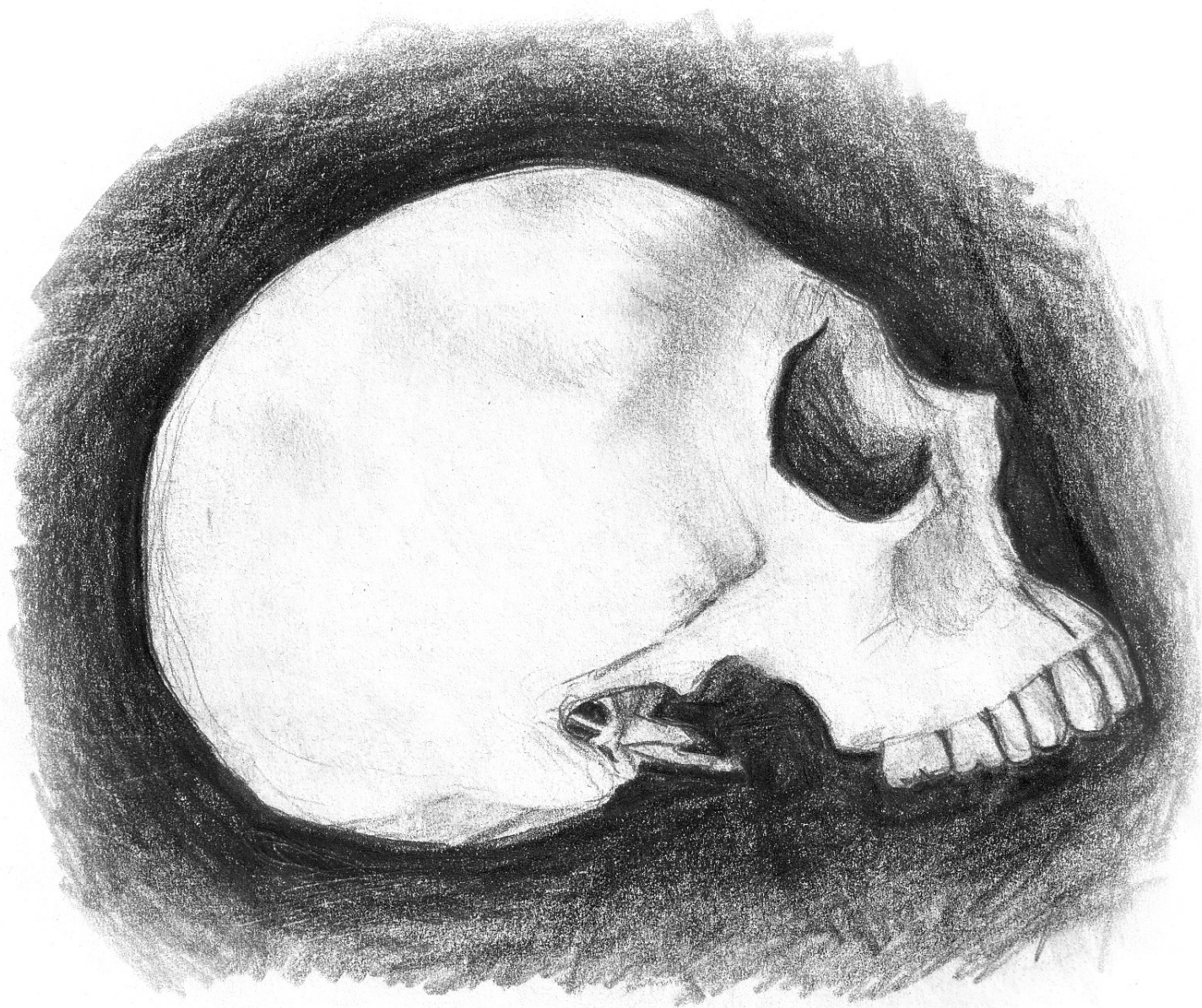


Decomposition

Melissa Dunphy



for soprano and two violins
4 minutes

MS 96

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Casper's Law states
that if all other factors are equal,
a body with free access to air
will decompose twice as fast
than if immersed in water.
A body immersed in water
will decompose four times faster
than if laid in earth.

Cold temperatures
decrease decomposition.
Warm temperatures
increase decomposition.

We become earth,
We become water,
We become air.



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Driving ♩ = c. 76

Soprano

Violin 1

Violin 2

pizz.

f

pp

mp

3

arco

p

5

p

Cas - per's Law states,

mp

8

Cas - per's Law

mp

11

states,

13 *mp*

Cas - per's Law states that if all oth - er

15

fac - tors are e - - qual,

17 *mf*

Cas - per's Law states that if all

19

oth - er fac - tors are e - qual, a bod - y with free

p

ppp

22

ac - cess to air will de - com - pose twice as fast than if im - mersed in

mp

fpp *f* *mp* *f*

mp

25

wa - ter, than if im - mersed in wa - ter,

f

pizz. *arco*

f

28

twice as fast with free ac - cess to

p

A

31

air.

sul tasto

pizz.

arco sul tasto

p

34

A bod-y im -

p

37

mersed in wa - ter,

p

40

a bod-y im- mersed in wa - ter,

p

43

will de - com - pose_ four times fast-er than if laid in earth, laid in

mp *mp*

48

B Listesso tempo (♩ = c. 76)

earth. sul pont. Cold_ senza vib. *p* coolly

mp *p* coolly senza vib. sul pont.

52

tem-p'rat-ures de - crease de-com-po - si-tion.

55

mf warmly Warm_ tem-p'ra-tures in - crease de-com-po

ord. vib. *mp* warmly

ord. vib. *mp* warmly

58

si- tion. We be- come earth.

pp *p*

62

We be- come wa- ter.

p

66

We be- come air.

f

69

ff