

JUDITH SHATIN

Amulet

Treble Chorus (SSA)



Program Notes: Amulet

Amulet (2003, rev. 2007) is a setting of the poem of the same name by the distinguished Chevy Chase-based poet Barbara Goldberg, and the text is used with her kind permission. The opening line suggests a connection to the narrative of the escape of the Jews from Egypt that is commemorated in the Passover *Haggadah*. Likewise, the poem seeks escape from the evils of greed and envy. And the last line can be thought of as referring to a "stay of execution," or to the extension of a visit. Commissioned and premiered by the New York Treble Singers, *Amulet* was composed at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts. I am grateful to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for the composer fellowship that sponsored this residency. For more information, visit www.judithshatin.com.

Amulet

May the Lord of Death pass over our house,
May the Lord of Envy not curdle our whey,
May the Lord of Greed release us from craving,
May the Great Lord of Time grant us a stay.

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Poetry by Barbara Goldberg

Music by Judith Shatin

♩ = 76

p *mp*

Sop 1 May the Lord, Lord, Lord, May the Lord, Lord, Lord, May the

p *mp*

Sop 2 May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, May the

p *mp*

Alto May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, May the

mf *f* *p* *mf* *f* *p* *mf* *f* *mp*

Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord

Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, Lord, Lord,

Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the

May the Lord, the Lord of Death, May the Lord, May the Lord, May the

May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, the Lord of Death May the Lord, May the Lord, May the

Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord Lord, the Lord of Death, Lord of Death, Lord of Death,

10

Lord of Death Pass, O - ver our house.

Lord of Death Pass, o ver our

Lord of Death

mf 15 *p*

Pass _____ o _____ ver our house, our house.

mf *p* *p*

house, _____ o _____ ver our house, our house. May the Lord, _____ Lord, _____

mf *p*

Pass _____ o _____ ver our house, our house. May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord,

mf *f*

May the Lord, the Lord, the Lord of en - vy, _____

mf *f*

Lord, May the Lord, _____ the Lord, the Lord, the Lord of en - vy, _____

mf *f*

Lord, May the Lord, _____ the Lord, the Lord, the Lord of en - vy, _____

20

Lord of en - vy, en - vy, en - vy, en - vy, en - vy, en - vy, en - vy, - May the

mf
May the Lord of en - vy not cur - dle our whey.

mf Lord of en - vy not cur - dle our whey, *mp* not

mf Lord of en - vy not cur - dle our whey. *mp* not

25 *mp* *p* *mp*
May the

p *mp*
cur - dle our whey, — our whey. — The Lord of Greed,

p *mp*
cur - dle our whey, — our whey. — May the Lord of greed, The Lord of Greed,

30 *cresc.* *f* *p* *mf* *mp*
Lord of greed re - lease us from cra - ving, re - lease us from cra - ving, — re -

cresc. *f* *p* *mf* *mp*
Lord of Greed re - lease us from crav - ving, re - lease us - from cra - ving, — re -

cresc. *f* *p* *mf* *mp*
Lord of greed re - lease us from cra - ving, re - lease us, from cra - ving, re -

mf *p* *mf* *cresc.* *f*
lease us from cra - ving. — May the Lord, Lord, Lord, May the

mf *p* *mp* *cresc.* *f*
lease us from cra - ving — May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord,

mf *p*
lease us from cra - ving.

35

mf Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, *p* May the Lord, Lord, Lord, May the Great Lord of

mf May the Lord, Lord, Lord, May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, May the Great Lord of

f

time, Great Lord of Time

time, Great Lord of Time,

Great Lord of time, Great Lord of time, Great Lord of, Great Lord of time, Great Lord of time,

40

mf Lord of time, *f* Great Lord of

cresc. Great Lord of, Great Lord of time. *f* Great Lord of, Great Lord of

cresc. Great Lord of, Great Lord of time, *f* Great Lord of, Great Lord of

45

f time, *mp* May the Lord, Lord, Lord, May the Lord, Lord,

f time, *mp* May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord,

f time, *mp* Lord, Lord,

50 *f* *mf*

Lord, Lord, Grant us a stay, Grant us a stay. Great Lord of

Lord, Lord, Grant us a stay, Grant us a stay. Great Lord of, Great Lord of

Lord, Lord, Grant, Grant us a stay, Grant us a stay.

55 *f* *mp* *mf* *f* *mp* *mf*

time, Great Lord of time, May the Lord, Lord, May the

time, Great Lord of, Great Lord of time, May the Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord,

Great Lord of time, Great Lord of time, Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord,

f

Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, Grant us, Grant us, Grant us a stay.

Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, Grant us, Grant us, Grant us a stay.

Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, Great Lord, Great Lord, Lord of time,

60 *cresc. al fine*

Grant us a stay, Grant us a stay, a stay, a stay, a stay.

Grant us a stay, Grant us a stay, a stay, a stay, a stay.

Lord of time, Grant us a stay, a stay, a stay, a stay.