



ДЕТИ

Where are you?

song music and lyrics

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On Wednesday, **March 16, 2022**, the world was shocked with news of a russian air strike on the Mariupol Drama Theatre. Ukrainian residents of Mariupol had been using the building as a civilian bomb shelter and had attempted to protect their children and their mothers by writing out the russian word "**ДЕТИ**", meaning "**KIDS**," in huge block letters in front of and behind the theatre. But russia bombed it anyway with two missile strikes, while hundreds of women and children were inside. According to the Associated Press, **600 souls lost** their lives in this brazen and horrific war crime.

The many children and mothers who lost their lives or loved ones that day can be imagined to cry out, "**Where are you?**" whether a child to their parent, or a parent to their child. The same distressed question applies to the tens of thousands of missing **Ukrainian children** forcibly deported into russia, who are desperate for their parents and wondering if the world will come to their rescue.

Leo Wolansky was so touched by the discovery of the poetic words that were hidden amidst the tragedy, that he was inspired to write this mournful song. It takes the russian word for "**KIDS**" and transforms it to the Ukrainian-language question, "**Where are you?**" The question can be expanded and addressed to others. Like the pilot of the airplane who bombed the drama theatre, one might ask him "**Where are you?**" in the sense of "**Where is the human being in you, that you could commit such a horrible war crime?**"

DETY: Where are you?

Leo Wolansky, Sr.
Arranged by Leo Wolansky Sr.

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

mp

6

mp

At 10 o'clock on March sixteenth the sky was blue

The musical score is for a vocal quartet and piano. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are initially silent, indicated by whole rests. The piano accompaniment starts with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes, while the bass line consists of whole notes. A dynamic marking of *mp* (mezzo-piano) is present. The score includes a section starting at measure 6, where the vocal parts enter with whole notes. The piano accompaniment continues with its established pattern. The lyrics 'At 10 o'clock on March sixteenth the sky was blue' are written below the vocal staves, aligned with the vocal entries. The score concludes with a final measure where the vocal parts hold their notes and the piano accompaniment provides harmonic support.

14 *mp*

A mo ther went out side — to get her child ren food. —

mp
But

19

life changed in a flash.

20

She screamed for her child ren, "Where are you?" ———

A frightening thunderous crash.

27

mf
Де ти, до ню?
De ty, do nyu?

Де ти, до ню?
De ty, do nyu?

31

Де ти, син ку?
 De ty, syn ku?

Де ти? Де ти, син ку? Де ти,
 De ty? De ty, syn ku? De ty,

36

Де ти, Де ти,
 De ty, De ty,

Та ту? Ма мо? Де ді
 Ta Tu? Ma mo? De di

41

Adagio

Larghetto

ти?
ty?

ти?
ty?

The

45

ppp

ppp

Rus sian word for kids was writ ten on the pave ment of the shel ter'n Ma riu pol and could be

48 *mp* *mf*

But if you split that word in two, It spells, "Where are you?" Can you hear the vic tims' des perate

pp *p*

seen from the skies *Adagio*

52 *mf* *mf*

cries? Де ти, до ню? Де ти, до ню?

mf Де ти? Де ти? Де ти? Де ти?

De ty, do nyu? De ty, do nyu? De ty, do nyu? De ty, do nyu?

58

De ti, син ку? De ti, Ma
 De ty, syn ku? De ty, Ma

De ti? De ti?
 De ty? De ty?

De ti, син ку? De ti? Та ту? Ma
 De ty, syn ku? De ty? Та tu? Ma

64

мо? De ді ти?
 мо? De di ty?

мо? De ді ти?
 мо? De di ty?

мо? De ді ти?
 мо? De di ty?

69

De di ti?
 De di ty?
 De di ty?
 De di ty? *mp*

73

mf Can you hear the vic tims' des perate cries? *mf* De ti, do
 Can you hear the vic tims' des perate cries? *mf* De ty, do
 p Аа *mf* De ти?
 Аа Аа ти?
 De ти, do
 De ти, do

78

ню? нyu? Де ти, син ку? De ty, syn ku? Де ти? De ty? Де ти? De ty? Де ти? De ty?

mf

84

Де ти, Ма мо? De ty, Ma mo? Де ді De di Де ді De di Та ту? Ma мо? De di Та ту? Ma мо? De di

89 *p*

ти? Де ти, Сви те? *p*
 ty? De ty, Svi te? *p*

ти? Де ти, Сви те? *p*
 ty? De ty, Svi te? *p*

ти? Де ти, Сви те? *p*
 ty? De ty, Svi te? *p*

ти? Де ти, Сви те? *p*
 ty? De ty, Svi te? *p*

95 *pp*

pp

pp

pp

pp

99

The musical score consists of five staves. The first four staves are for vocalists (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and are empty for measures 99, 100, and 101. The fifth staff is for piano accompaniment. In measure 102, the piano part begins with a complex melodic line in the right hand, featuring many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and a simpler bass line in the left hand.

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DETY: Where are you? song lyrics

At 10 o'clock on March 16, the sky was blue.
A mother went outside to get her children food.
But life changed in a flash.
A frightening, thunderous crash.
She screamed for her children, "Where are you?"
Де ти? Де ти, доню?
Де ти? Де ти, синку?
Де ти, Тату? Мамо?
Де діти?

The russian word for "kids" was written on the pavement
Of the shelter 'n Mariupol and could be seen from the skies
But if you split that word in two,
It spells "Where are you?"
Can you hear the victims' desperate cries?
Де ти? Де ти, доню?
Де ти? Де ти, синку?
Де ти, Тату? Мамо?
Де діти? Де діти?
Де ти? Світе?



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