ΔΕΑΤΙΛΙ: Where are you?

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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.

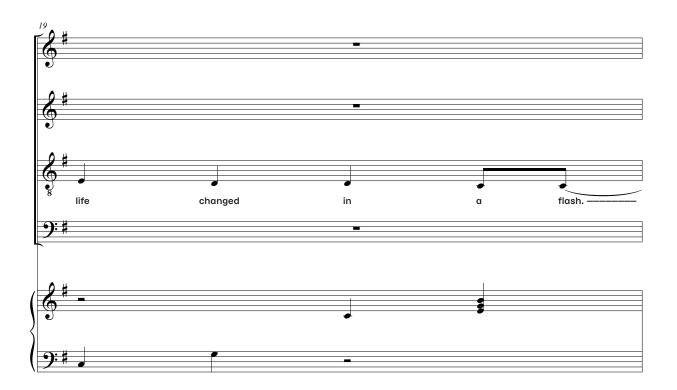
Leo Wolansky was so touched by the discovery of the poetic words that were hidden amidst the tragedy, that he was inspired to write this mournful song. It takes the russian word for "KIDS" and transforms it to the Ukrainian-language question, "Where are you?" The question can be expanded and addressed 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?"

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Leo Wolansky, Sr. Arranged by Leo Wolansky Sr.

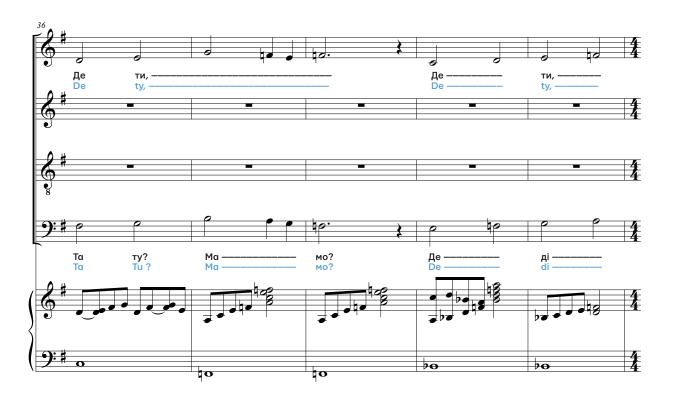




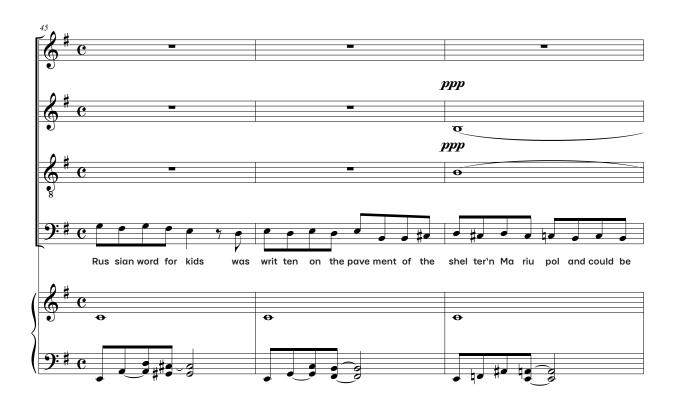






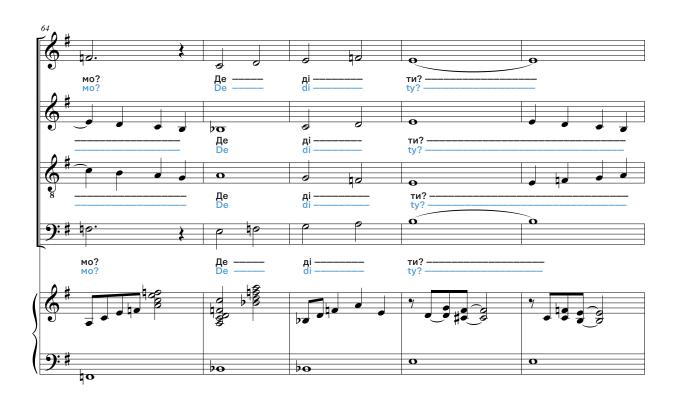


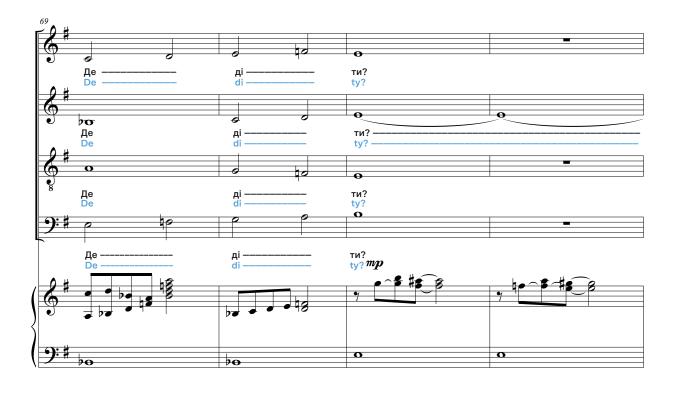






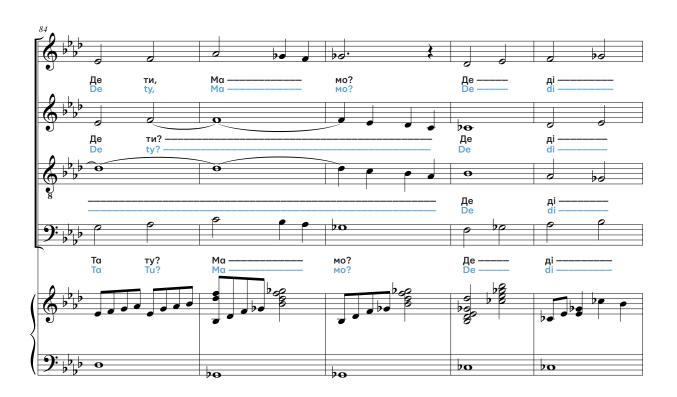


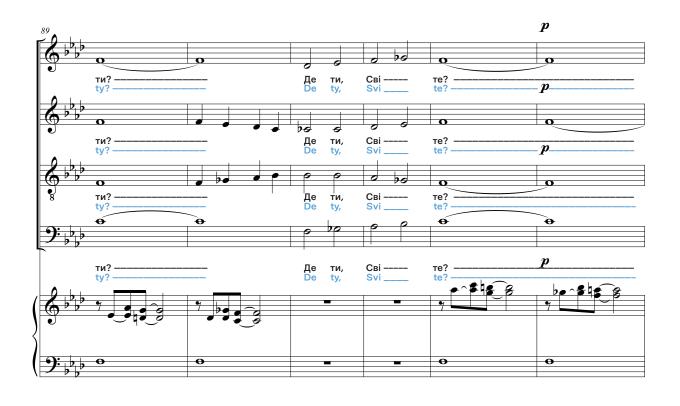


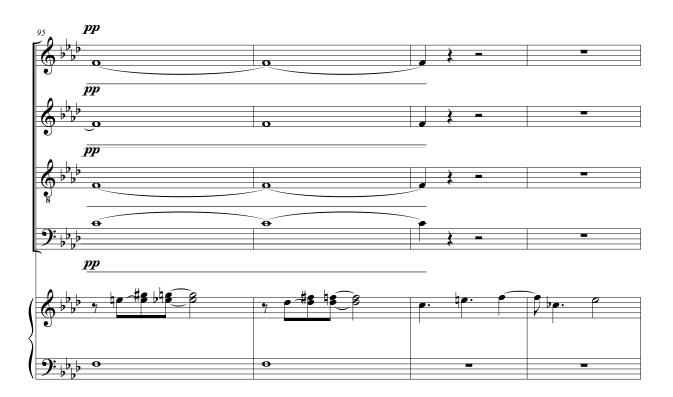


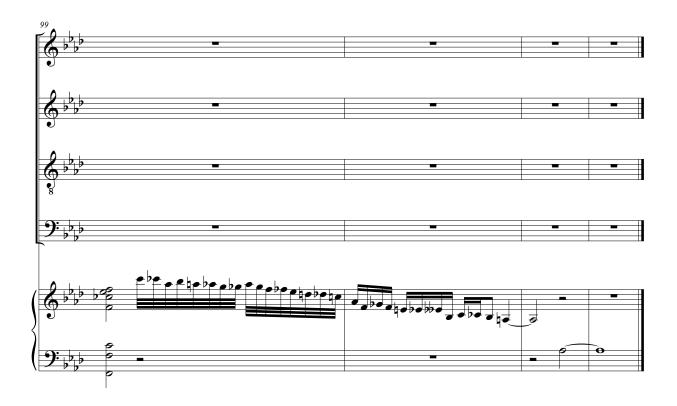












Words, Music, Guitar: Leo Wolansky, Sr.

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(Дударик) under the direction of Dmytro Katsal, Lviv, Ukraine

Bandura: Olya Fryz

Sound engineer: Slau Halatyn

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Watch the **DETY: Where are you?** music video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTLbt3v7e7Q

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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