

Lampedusa Vōv Songs**1. Sycorax Solo (30 sec)**

As Sycorax wakes, we hear the island singing. It sings a variety of things at random (perhaps harmonizing via counterpoint randomly). Among those things sung is a recapitulation of the opening of the original VŌV piece, but with a few words replaced. Here's a list of everything that can be sung:

English

All your desires are here.
Find us.
Find you.
Sun. Sea. Earth. We.
Cold. Hurt. Hunger. Thirst.
Land. Time. Good. You.
Time is born. Time dies.
Time is blind.
We speak to you.
We sing for you.

Vōv

Ēr gigīmṽā hīr mi.
Ial slō.
Ial svā.
Lā. Ō. Rē. Lō.
Qas. Sok. Bər. Gok.
Rē. Mā. Nī. Vā.
Mā hūl. Mā aur.
Mā hak.
Qētłō nvā.
Lailō nvā.

Etymology

All come-desire-you sit here.
Find touch-we.
Find touch-you.
Sun. Sea. Earth. We.
Cold. Hurt. Hunger. Thirst.
Land. Time. Good. You.
Time born. Time die.
Time is blind.
Say-we give-you.
Sing-we give-you.

The idea is all of these lines will be sung randomly—either singly, or in clusters, to give a sense of the cacaphony of sound on the island. Sycorax will come in at specific times saying the following words in order along with the voices that are singing them (think of it as a musical version of a found poem):

English/Etymology

Sing.

Vōv

Lai.

Hurt.
Sea.
Here.
Sing...

Sok.
Ō.
Mi.
Lai...

This is her attempt at recapitulating her journey using their words. She uses this to become accustomed to the language. She then finds her own voice and begins to ask questions of the voices, who listen:

English

What land is this?
What sweet voice?
Who sings to me?
The air is full of sound...

Vōv

Sik rē mem?
Sik kai lī?
Sik lai nhum?
Has tem gisī...

Etymology

What land this?
What voice sweet?
What sing give-me?
Air full come-sound...

2. Sycorax and Ariel Duet (2 min)

Ariel approaches Sycorax, unseen, and addresses her:

English

What child is this?
No one from the Dry Lands
Speaks our tongue...

Vōv

Sik dīs mem?
Ulluə girē kōl
Qēt giletlō

Etymology

What child this?
No-human come-land dry
Speak come-tongue-our...

3. Caliban Solo (30 sec)

4. Sycorax and Caliban Duet (1 min 30 sec)

5. Choir (30 sec)

6. Sycorax and Ariel Duet 2 (30 sec)

7. Caliban Solo 2 (30 sec)