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# I Am You

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## Say I am You

*tenderly* *spoken: naturally, unhurried*

Soprano: I am dust particles in sunlight, I am the round sun. To the bits of dust I say, *Stay.*

Violoncello: *(slow) gliss. trb* *mf* > *pp*

Sop. To the sun, *Keep moving.* I am the morning mist, and the breathing of evening.

Vc. *(slow) gliss. trb* *mp* > *pp* *mp* *to end of bow (travel quickly)*

Sop. I am wind in the top of a grove, and surf on the cliff. Mast, rudder, helmsman, and keel,

Vc. *pp* *mp* *to end of bow (travel quickly)* *pp*

Sop. I am also the coral reef they flounder on. I am a tree with a trained parrot in its branches. Silence,

Vc. *trb* *mp* *to end of bow (travel quickly)* *pp* *mf* *pp*

Sop. thought, and voice. The musical air coming through a flute, a spark of stone, a flickering in metal.

Gtr. *pp* *p*

Vc. *p* sul D gliss.

Sop. Both candle, and the moth crazy around it. Rose, and the nightingale lost in the fragrance. I am all orders of being,

Gtr. *p*

Vc. *p*

Sop. the circling galaxy, the evolutionary intelligence, the lift and the falling away. What is, and what isn't.

Gtr. *p* repeat

Vc. *p* repeat

Gtr. *poco cresc. e poco accel.*

Vc. *poco cresc. e poco accel.*

Sop. You who know Jelaluddin, You the one in all, say who I am. Say I am You.

Gtr. *p* *pp*

Vc. *pp*