

Andrew Mark Sauerwein

ABC ETA

Soprano
Piano

Lyrics by Grace Andrews

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Program Note:

This is my second setting of Grace Andrews' poetry, a zany acrostic poem entitled "ABC" about a visitor from the future, a banana, and world domination. The action is presented as a recitative. The harmony features a different chord for each of the 26 lines of text, including sonorities based on all 24 major and minor triads.

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Conversationally (♩ = c. 60)

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All he said was, "I'm Back from the fu - ture and I

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Can prove it. Did he think I need - ed Ev - i - dence?

(Frank - ly, be - ing an av - id Geek when you're talk - ing Doc - tor Who or Jules Verne,

10 *mf* *pp*

How could I not be - lieve In time trav - el?

mp *pp* *mf*

14 *mf* *p*

Just as I was of - fer - ing him a Kum - quat, Lithe - ly he slipped through the door

p

17 *p* *rall.* *(a tempo)* *p* *cresc.* *3*

— and be - hind Me Not tak - ing the kum - quat

pp *p*

20 *mf*

Op - en - ing the kitch - en door Peel - ing a ba - na - na

mp *mf*

22 *p* *dim.*..... *ppp*

Qui - et - ly chomp - ing pre - cise - ly to the mid - dle of it

24 *mf* *p* *mf* *f*

"Real - ly," he says, "Sci - ence fic - tion is more like fact

26 *p* *cresc.* *pp*

Than you would like to be - lieve. Un - der the fan - ta - sy of

28 *(mp)* *(mf)* *f* *p*

Verne and Who, X - men and Yo - da, lie

30 (intensely) (Venomously) *ff*

Zeal - ous Zeal - ous ear - nest plots for world dom - in - a - tion."

p *pp* *sffz*