

# Life of silence

A lake, peaceful and calm.

A pebble in the water.

A circle is waving the surface:

Where to, where to, where to?

The water is living!

just for a moment....

and then?

A lake, peaceful and calm.

Life wrinkles the silence.

*Hazrat Inayat Khan (about 1920)*

*One throws a pebble into the water, water that is still and calm.*

*There comes an activity, it comes for one moment, and then it vanishes.*

*Into what does it vanish? It vanishes into the same silence in which the*

*water was before. Water is a substance that is active by nature, and the*

*silence, the stillness, the calmness that it shows is just the original state,*

*the effect of its original source. This means that the natural inclination of*

*every thing and every being is silence, because it has come from silence,*

*and yet it is active, because it is activity that produces activity;*

*and its end is silence.*

Text and Music by Pieter Simons

♩=60

**SOPRANO**

*p*

A lake peace - ful, peace-ful and calm, a

**ALTO**

*p* *pp*

A lake peace ful, peace - ful and cal - m,

**TENOR**

*p* *pp*

A lake peace - ful and cal - m oo

**BASS**

*p* *pp*

A lake peace - ful and cal - m oo

**Piano**

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