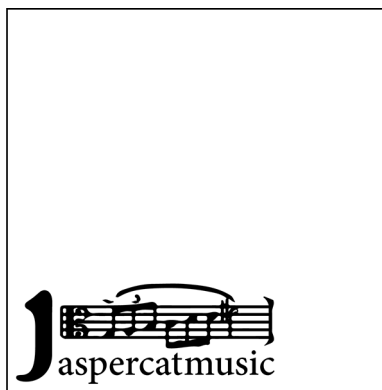


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1.  
*mp*

My fa-ther sits a-cross from me.

He says no-thing while he tries to write a

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*mp*

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cer-tain Chi-nese word

he has for - got - ten.

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2.  
*mp*

Two in the mor - ning.

I'm read-ing in the kit chen.

The re-

12

fri-ger-a-tor fan turns off. The door slams \_\_\_\_\_ our

3. *p* *mp*

\*for this recurring double-slur, DbEbBb motif, hold down each note for entire slur.

16

chil-dren leave for school. I put my hear-ing aid on.

18

Chi - cka-dees and king-lets in the pine tree. My

*p* 4.

21

wife and I lie in bed ar - gu - ing. Long pau - ses. We're

25

close but not touch - ing. Af - ter we turn the lights out, I can hear her breath - ing.

29

5.  
*p* Si - lence wed - ges its way in *mp* be - tween sleep and mor - ning's fog - gy sky.