

# (17) UNDERSTANDING

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**NOTE:** concert score, there are no key signatures  
accidentals apply to measure and octave only

**INTRO** (*rubato*) (*both voices / repeat freely ad lib.*)

un - der - sta - nd un - der - sta - nd un - der - stan - ding

**A1** woman un - der - stan - ding

**A2** man peo - ple tal - king

**A3** woman peo - ple tal - king

**A4** man peo - ple tal - king

**A5** woman but o - ther people

per - haps they're to - le - rant

$\text{♩} = 140$  (*a tempo*)

trumpet

bass clarinet

(*accomp. freely*)

guitar

violin 1 (*sustain*) *p* *mf*

violin 2 *p* *mf*

viola *p* *mf*

cello *p* *mf*

(*accomp. freely*)

piano

what does it mean many words to choose from in many lan - gua-ges

from one coun - try they speak the same have con-ver - sa - tions they hear the

from dif - fer - ent places in ma - ny lan - gua-ges they have stu - died in - tel - li - gence and learning

not know - ing each o - thers speech they too com - mu - ni - cate it's real - ly possible it has been done

humane com - pas - sio - nate un - bi - ased o - pen mi - nded they're un - der - sta n - ding they com - pre - hend

tpt

bcl

guit

vln 1

vln 2

vla

cel

pno

15

B1

20

but how to use them  
 words but do they really  
 may - be and hear each other

how to make sense  
 un - der - stand each o - ther  
 is that the an - swer  
 but how

how to make sense  
 un - der - stand each o - ther  
 is that the an - swer  
 but how

go to CODA

tpt

bcl

guit

vln 1

vln 2

vla

cel

pno

(repeat 5x)

**CODA**

(both voices / repeat freely ad lib.)

The musical score is arranged in a system with the following parts from top to bottom:

- Vocal Parts:** Four staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) with lyrics. The lyrics are: "how to make sense", "un-der-stand each o-ther", "is that the an-swer", and "but how". There are triplets and a repeat sign over the first three staves.
- Instrumental Parts:** Trumpet (tpt), Clarinet (bcl), Guitar (guit), Violin 1 (vln 1), Violin 2 (vln 2), Viola (via), Cello (cel), and Piano (pno). The guitar and piano parts have "(accomp. / fill)" markings.

The score features a repeat sign and a CODA section. The instrumental parts include complex rhythmic patterns and melodic lines.

(repeats ad lib)

The musical score for page 30 consists of seven staves. The top staff is the vocal line, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains the lyrics "with-out spea-king" under a melodic phrase. A repeat sign with a first ending bracket is placed after the vocal line. The second staff is for trumpet (tpt), which is mostly silent with rests. The third staff is for bassoon (bcl), featuring a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The fourth staff is for guitar (guit), which is mostly silent with rests. The fifth staff is for violin 1 (vln 1), playing a rhythmic eighth-note pattern. The sixth staff is for violin 2 (vln 2), also playing a rhythmic eighth-note pattern. The seventh staff is for piano (pno), featuring a complex accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes in both hands. A repeat sign with a first ending bracket is placed at the end of the instrumental parts.