

voices

## (17) WHAT IS THE WORD

(words by Samuel Beckett)

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

**A**  $\text{J}=106$

voice woman

etc.

5

strings  
gliss.

etc.

voice man

10

B

what is the word

strings  
gliss.

fo

ly

from

this

all

15

fo

ly

from all this

given

20

fo

ly

given all this

seeing all this

this

from all this

given

seeing ' fo

ly

25

what is the word

strings  
gliss.

this

what is the word

strings  
gliss.

this

30

this here

this here

35

seeing

this ' this

all this

fol

ly

given all this

fol

ly

40

seeing all this

for to

what is the word

strings  
gliss.

this here

what

D

see ' glimpse seem to glimpse seem  
is the word need to

50

to glimpse seem to glimpse what  
folly for to need to

55

what is the word and where folly  
what is the word for to need

65

seem to glimpse what where strings  
gliss. to where what is the word

70

there over there afar ' afar afaint ' afaint ' afar strings  
gliss. away over there away over there away over there

80

what what strings seeing all this this  
what is the word all this

**F**

**E**

**G**

85

all this      this here      folly      for to see      what

strings gliss.

90

H

what is the word      glimpse      seem to glimpse      seem to      need to

strings gliss.

95

100

glimpse      away over there      afaint      what

afaint , afar

strings gliss.

100

I

what is the word      folly      need to      for to      afaint      seem to glimpse

strings gliss.

105      110

J

what is the word      what      what is the      what      what is the      what      what is the      what

what is the word      what is the word

strings gliss.

110

120