### Högni Egilsson:

# TOUCHED BY LIFE

#### A MUSICAL REFLECTION

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## P. 56 - 57 NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

Gateway to the song:

The English poet John Donne wrote some of the most truthful, but at the same time some of the most disturbing words ever written: No man is an island entirely unto himself.

Therefore, he also concluded: Don't ever ask for whom the bell tolls. The bell tolls for you.

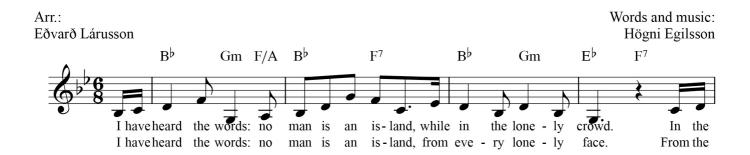
Thus in principle, we never walk alone, why is it then that the feelings of loneliness and isolation seem so vividly pervasive?

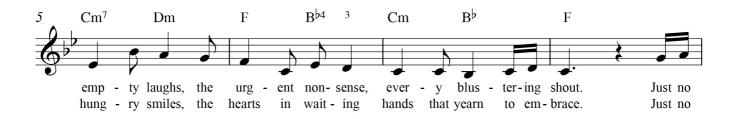
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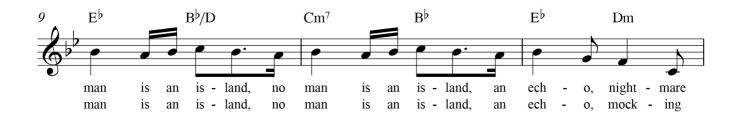
I have heard the words: no man is an island, while in the lonely crowd.
In the empty laughs, the urgent nonsense, every blustering shout.
Just no man is an island, no man is an island, an echo - nightmare - scream.
Do you hear the words when seeking an island at day to enter your dream.

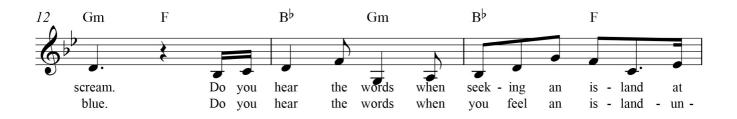
I have heard the words: no man is an island, from every lonely face.
From the hungry smiles, the hearts in waiting, hands that yearn to embrace.
Just no man is an island, no man is an island, an echo - mocking - blue.
Do you hear the words when you feel an island unseen - and all there is you.

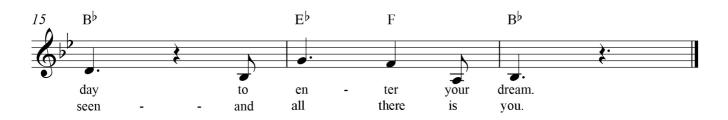
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- (1 14) Portraitures
- (2 16) If
- (3 18) Reflectiones
- (4 20) Transformations
- (5 22) A dark lullaby
- (6 24) By your hearth on an autumn eve
- (7 26) I wonder why
- (8 28) At dawn
- (9 30) Step in
- (10 32) Moonlight
- (11 36) The voice
- (12 38) Sometimes
- (13 40) So far from me
- (14 42) Morning breeze
- (15 44) A folk tale
- (16 46) Let me go free
- (17 48) Time's of the essence
- (18 50) To life
- (19 52) I walk through dark
- (20 54) Leaves of autumn

#### (21 - 56) No man is an island

- (22 58) To Liv
- (23 60) To Kolbrun and Birgitte
- (24 62) Mayday
- (25 64) Rain
- (26 66) The time is now
- (27 70) Hallelujah
- (28 72) To Birgitte
- (29 74) Yearning
- (30 76) While billows roll
- (31 80) The wind and the see
- (32 82) By the lake at night
- (33 84) A prayer
- (34 86) My song
- (35 88) Waiting for dawn
- (36 90) Sleep
- (37 92) The winds of the winter
- (38 94) The bridges of Madison County
- (39 96) The seven mile song
- (40 98) The touch of life
- (41 100) Farewel

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