

Advice to my closeted self

3 miniatures for SATB chorus and piano
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1. Everyone knows. You own 20 flannels.
2. When she kissed you on the lips, it wasn't a friend kiss.
3. She likes you back.

Notes:

This piece was written largely to make fun of my teenage self, but in doing so celebrates all the queer joy and love in the world. These three pieces show that young love is universally (often hilariously) confusing.

1. Everyone knows

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♩ = 92 *f*

Soprano
e-very-one knows.

Alto
f
e-very-one knows.

Tenor
f
E-very-one, e-very-one, e-very-one knows.

Bass
f
E-very-one, e-very-one, e-very-one knows.

Piano
♩ = 92
f

5 ♩ = 63

E - very-one knows.

E - very-one knows.

E - very-one knows.

E - very-one knows. *mp cresc* You

♩ = 63
mp

mp cresc You own *mf* twen - ty flannels.

mp cresc You own *mf* twen - ty flannels.

mp cresc You own _____ *mf* twen - ty flannels.

own _____ *mf* twen - ty - flannels.

The musical score consists of five staves. The first four staves are for voice, and the fifth is for piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first two staves have lyrics 'You own' and 'twen - ty flannels.' The third and fourth staves have lyrics 'You own _____' and 'own _____' respectively, with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *mp cresc* and *mf*. The score ends with a double bar line.

2. When she kissed you

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♩ = 72

Soprano *p* When she kissed you

Alto *p* When she kissed you

Tenor *p* When she kissed you

Bass *p* When she kissed you

Piano *p*

5

mf on the lips, when shekissed you,

mf on the lips, when shekissed you,

mf on the lips, when she

mf on the lips, when she

mf

3. She likes you back

♩ = 108

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

p

p

She likes you,
She likes you,

♩ = 108

p

4

mp

mp

she likes you, she likes you, she likes you, she likes you,
she likes you, she likes you, she likes you, she likes you,

mp

15

f she likes you back. *ff* she likes you back.

she likes you, she likes you, *ff* she likes you back.

she likes you, she likes you, *ff* she likes you back.

she likes you, she likes you, *ff* she likes you back.

f