

Prairie Etudes
for English horn, live electronics and video

8 minutes

Brooke Joyce (2006)

Commissioned and premiered by Susan Tomkiewicz, 2006

Program Note:

Prairie Etudes (after Brooke Joyce's "Prairie Etudes")

The land lies long in my soul.

It gives me a space inside, open and empty.

Trails of snow across fields limn for me empty fullness, light in dark sorrow.

I wear the plains in my walk.

Wire poles and fenceposts measure my longing.

In the summer the rich black is slashed with sprouts that flesh into leaf, flower, grain.

Green rows write prairie words in my heart.

-- Carol Gilbertson