

...of all things most yielding (1997)  
for SATB choir

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text (by Lao Tzu):

What is of all things  
most yielding  
can overcome that which is most hard.  
Being substanceless,  
it can enter in even where there is no crevice.  
That is how I know the value  
of action which is actionless.

... but that there can be teaching without words,  
value in action which is actionless,  
few indeed can understand.

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Lao Tzu (5<sup>th</sup> c. BCE)

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Flowing (♩ = 80)

most yield- o- -come which most  
is things -ding can -ver that is hard  
what of can -ver that is hard  
all o- -come which most

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be- ing sub- stance- less ev- en where there is no cre- vice how  
be- ing sub- -ter is  
it en- ev- en where there is no cre- I  
can in that

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-ue ac-  
the val- of -tion ac- -less  
which -tion but that there can be teaching without  
know is

*mp* *p* *p* *f* solo

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words val- ue in ac- tion which is action-less few indeed can understand

*mp* *mf* *p* *pp*