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Etty Hillesum sometime in the 1930s
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This work attempts original musical reflections for piano, violin, cello, soprano, and actress based on excerpts from Etty's words from *An Interrupted Life* and *Letters from Westerbork*. We hope her moving and deeply personal testimony can help illuminate a way forward for us as well.

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