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On stage are the choir, Emily and the dancers. Lights go on simultaneously with the start of the singing and the music. The whole is harmonic and bombastic.

Choir	Emily	Betty (<i>off stage</i>)
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	aaaa	
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Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	Aaaaa	
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	(struggles to keep the tone)	
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	Aaaaa aaa	
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa		O o oo
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	Aaaaa	
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa		O o ooo
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa		oooooooo

Hard cut. Full dark and silence. Dancers and choir are spread out on stage, only their silhouettes are visible. Emily is in the front in between them with a spot shining on them. Through the darkness Betty arrives next to her.

Emily	Betty	Choir
	Drip Drip Faster Drip Drip Drip Drip	
Clouds Above clouds Gathering above me		
	Drip Drip Drip More water Drip Drip Drip	
Cold water	Faster	

Cooling my skin	Drip Drip	
	Drip Drip More water Wind blowing Drip Drip	
Rain Cold rain	Drip Drip Drip Drip	
Filling the streets	Faster Drip Drip More water	
	Drip drip drip Faster Drip Drip Drip More wind	
Cold rain Cooling my skin		
	Drip Drip More wind Drip drip More water	
Cold rain Cold Cold Freezing cold	Drip Waves Drip Drip	
Freezing cold	Drip drip So cold drip	
	Soft rain on our skin drip drip	
Cold rain		
	Strokes my pale face	
Drip Drip Freezing cold	Drip Drip Drip Drip	(slowly starts moving)

	Wild winds	
	Playing with my hair	
Drip Drip More wind		
	Shrieking the voice of despair	
Drip Drip Drip		
	As nights go darker And winds heavily blow Silence fills my ears with nothing All my feelings I can let go	oooooooooooooooooooo
Drip Drip More water Drip Cold water		oooooooooooooooooooo
	Under the flashing skies The pale flowers seem the prettiest	oooooooooooooooooooo
Drip Drip Drip		oooooooooooooooooooo
	Our souls are the calmest when silence and thunder alternate	Ooooooooooooooooooooo (everybody up and moving)
Drip Drip Flowers Drip	Drip Drip Drip Drip	oooooooooooooooooooo
Flowers under the dark skies Drip Drip	Drip Drip Pale flowers	oooooooooooooooooooo
Angry clouds covering green fields	Drip Drip Pretty pale flowers	Oooooo aa aa aa ooooooo
Angry winds blowing away the petals	Shrieking voice of despair	Ooooooooooooooo aa aa aa
Drip	Drip Drip	Ooooooooooooooo aa aa aa

Drip	Drip Drip	Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa
Angry winds blowing away angry clouds	Drip Drip More clouds Drip	Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa
Drip Drip A beam Drip Drip Drip	Drip Drip Drip Drip Drip A lonely beam	Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa
Another beam	Drip Drip Drip	aa aa aa Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa
Clouds have passed	Drip Drip Freezing winds	aa aa aa Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa
and so have the shadows they cast	Drip Drip Drip	aa aa aa Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa
Dark grey turns into bright bright blue	oooooooo	Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa Aa aa aa
Beams warm the soil Flowers open their heart The storm has passed	oooooooo	
Aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa	Ooooooooo (slowly retreats to shadows)	Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa Aa aa aa
Aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa	oooooooo	Oooooooooooooo aa aa aa Aa aa aa
Aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa	Oooo Exit	aa aa aa Aa aa aa
Aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa		aa aa aa Aa aa aa