

One of Joelle Wallach's collection of Spiritual Speculations for chorus or vocal quartet, **PAX** celebrates the sweet spiritual life of Wallach's angelic cat, Jasmin, in the words of D.H.Lawrence:

Like a cat asleep on a chair
at peace, in peace
and at one with the master of the house, with the mistress
at home, at home in the house of the living,
sleeping on the hearth, and yawning before the fire.
Sleeping on the hearth of the living world,
yawning at home before the fire of life
feeling the presence of the living God
like a great reassurance
a deep calm in the heart
a presence
as of a master sitting at the board
in his own and greater being,
in the house of life.