Breakfast in New York

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Duration:5'Instrumentation:SATB Solo Voices & Violin

This year I am celebrating 21 years of living in New York City, which is exactly half my life. During those years I have lived (or couch-surfed) in 14 different apartments in four boroughs. "Breakfast in New York" weaves together conversations I overheard in diners and coffee shops in all five boroughs this summer. Whenever possible, I revisited places that were regular breakfast joints for me at various times of my life. You will hear voices from: George's Coffee Shop in Washington Heights; Tom's Restaurant on 112th & Broadway; Riverdale Diner in the Bronx; Mike's Place in New Dorp, SI; Cobble Hill Diner on Smith St. in Brooklyn; General Store in DUMBO; New Post Coffee Shop on Queens Blvd.; Alpha Donuts on Queens Blvd.; Westway Diner in Hell's Kitchen; Hungarian Pastry Shop on Amsterdam Ave.; and Kitchenette in TriBeCa.

Dedicated in loving memory of Harold Goldray, with whom I shared many many breakfasts in New York.

– Lisa Bielawa