Even whilst the piano still plays, I am anticipating the embodiment of the coming silence.

As Genevieve releases her chord, I assert a control over the silence, **taking** hold of it and stretching it out with my in breath, which is silent but **deliberate**.

I visualise the air I breathe in **feeling different**, as if balmy summer air has been replaced by **crisp Autumn cold**.

I articulate **"ich bin so hold"** tentatively in a pianissimo dynamic – uttering the words one by one, as if carefully placing one foot in front of the other in an unknown territory.