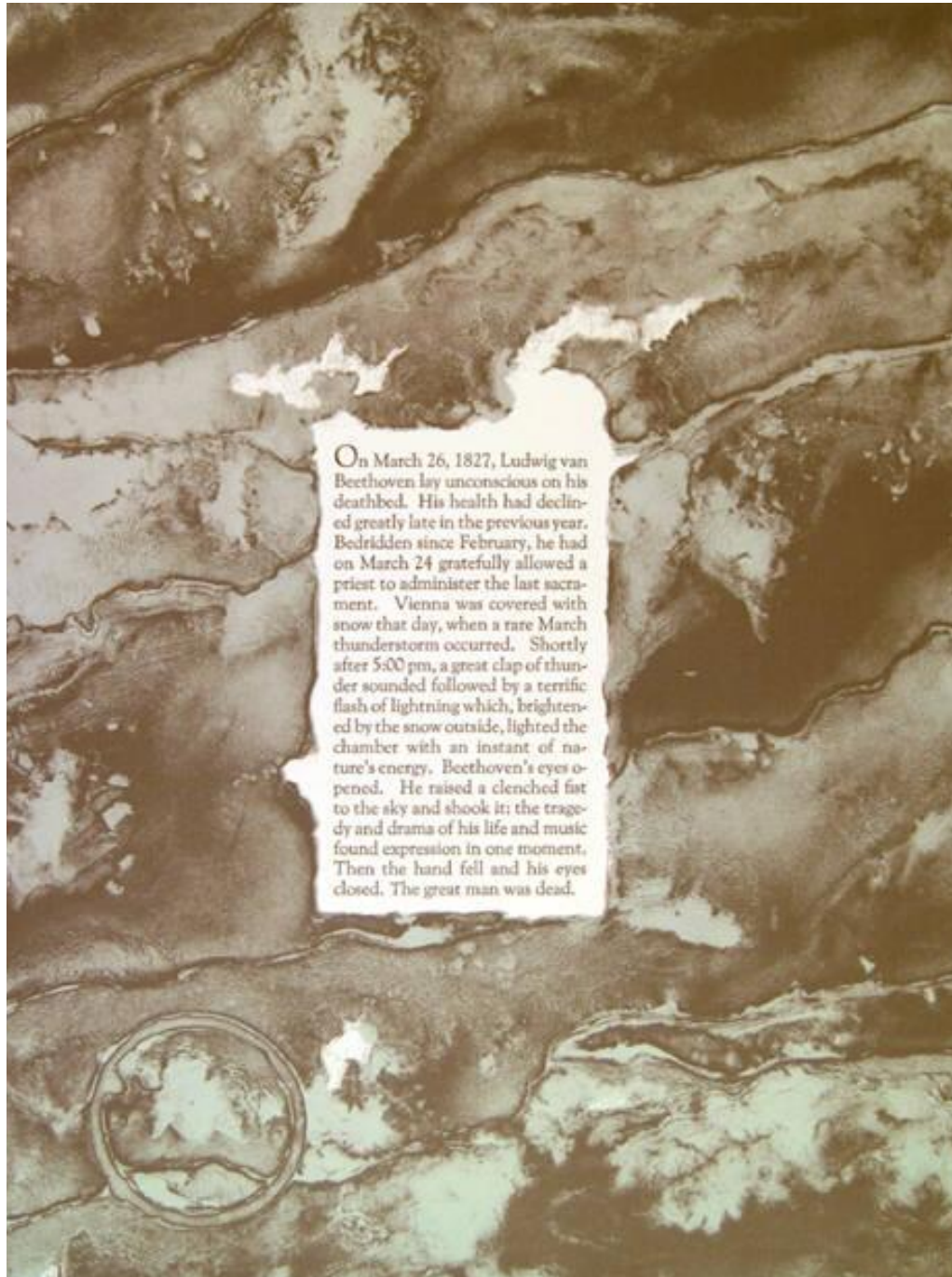


Basic Detail Report



On March 26, 1827, Ludwig van Beethoven lay unconscious on his deathbed. His health had declined greatly late in the previous year. Bedridden since February, he had on March 24 gratefully allowed a priest to administer the last sacrament. Vienna was covered with snow that day, when a rare March thunderstorm occurred. Shortly after 5:00 pm, a great clap of thunder sounded followed by a terrific flash of lightning which, brightened by the snow outside, lighted the chamber with an instant of nature's energy. Beethoven's eyes opened. He raised a clenched fist to the sky and shook it; the tragedy and drama of his life and music found expression in one moment. Then the hand fell and his eyes closed. The great man was dead.

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