

I am Light

for SATB unaccompanied

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ABOUT THE WORK

I wrote this poem for Ryan Heller long before even considering setting it to music. *I am Light* is about the acceptance and celebration of oneself and those who surround us. The other side of this piece is unbelievable: While writing *I am light*, ironically, Venezuela was facing one of the longest power cuts ever. As a Venezuelan living outside of my country, I felt hopeless and guilty to be writing this song. It is in my hope that one day we can sing this piece as a celebration for better times for my country.

TEXT AND TRANSLATION

I am light,	Yo soy luz,
and you	y tu,
Love.	amor.
You are light,	Tu ere luz,
and I,	y yo,
Love.	amor.

I've included some optional notes in case lines for the basses are too low or for soprano too high!

ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Carlos is an award-winning composer and recent University of Houston Affiliated Fellow at the American Academy of Rome. His most recent achievements include winning the: International Choral Composition Competition Japan 2018, Inversion Ensemble's Emerging Composer Competition, Vox Populi Winner in I International Choral Composition Competition Alberto Grau; as well as the world premiere of *This Sky* in the 28th Béla Bartok Choral Competition. His pieces have been performed internationally, including, Europe, North and South America.

Originally from Maracaibo, Venezuela, Carlos is currently residing in Austin, Texas after finishing his Master of Music in Composition at University of Houston, Moores School of Music, with Dr. David White as his professor.

Dedicated with much love and admiration to Ryan Heller, a wonderful artist and light to this world.

In celebration of his 10th anniversary with Chorus Austin.

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Carlos Cordero (b. 1992)

A Joyful, with great intensity ♩ = 132

Claps Stomps

optional

mp

S
la la la light, light, light, _____ la la la light, light, light, _____

p

A
I am am

p

T
I am am

p

B
I am am

Piano red.

rehearsal only

5

mf

p

S
_____ la la la light, light, light, _____ la la la light, light, light, _____

mp

A
I am am la la la

mp

T
I am am

mp

B
I am am

5

10 *pp*
Mm

light, light, light, la la la light, light, light, la la la

pp
I am I am

pp
I am I am

10

14 *p* *mf*
Mm I am light,

mp
light, light, light, la la la light, light, light,

p
I am I am

p
I am I am

14

26

and you love. I am light, and you love. I am

mp I am light, light, and you love, love. *mf* I am light, light, and you love, love.

mp I am light, light, and you love, love. *mf* I am light, light, and you love, love.

mp I am light, light, and you love, love. *mf* I am light, light, and you love, love.

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30

f light, light, light, I am light, light, light.

sub. p I am light, *mf* I am light, *simile* I am light, *p* You are

sub. p I am light, *mf* I am light, *simile* I am light, I am light.

sub. p I am light, *mf* I am light, *simile* I am light, I am light.

30

50 *f*

light, light, You are light, _____ light, light, You are light, _____

f

light, light, light. _____ You are light, light, light. _____ You are

f

You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light,

f

You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light,

50

54 *(stomp)*

54 light, light, You are light, _____ light, light, You are

light, light, light. _____ you are light, light, light. _____ You are

You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light,

You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light,

54

(clap)

58

58

light, light, light. You are light, light, light. You are

light, light, You are light, light, light, You are light,

You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light,

You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light,

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light, light, light. You are light, light, light. You are

light, light, You are light, light, light, You are light.

You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light.

You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light.

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66 *p* *pp* *mf*

light, You are light. — I am love, I am love I am love, I am love. You are

p *pp* *mf*

I am love, I am love, I am love, I am love. You are

p *pp*

I am love, I am love, I am love, I am love.

66

70

70 *f* *pp* *f*

light, You are light. — I am love, — love.

f *pp* *f*

light, You are light. — I am love, — love.

p

I am

70

74

mp I am

pp You You You You

pp Love Love Love Love

mp light, I am light, I am

78

mf light, Love la la la

mf You You You Love. la la la

mf Love Love Love

mf light, Love

78

(stomp)

light, light, You are light, light, light, I am
 light, light, light. you are light, light, light. I am
 You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light,
 You are light, You are light, You are light, You are light,

(clap)

light, light, light. I am light, light, light. I am
 light, light, light. I am light, light, light. I am
 I am light, I am light, I am light, I am light,
 I am light, I am light, I am light, I am light,

99

99

light, light, light. I am light, light, light. I

light, light, I am light, light, light, You are...

I am light, I am light, I am light, I am...

I am light, I am light, I am light, You are...

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103

(stomp)

103

am... Light!

Light!

Light!

Light!

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