

Written for Anna Wentlent and the 6th and 7th graders of the Singapore American School

# Spark and Breath

3-part round with opt. body percussion

Music and Lyrics by  
Timothy C. Takach

**Spirited** ♩ = 126

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In - side our hearts

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lives a rest - less fire.

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spark and a breath and the flames rise high - er.

### Percussion Ideas

**Body Percussion**

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**Clapping Game**

hand claps

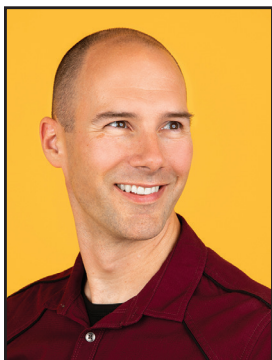
What does all this mean? Watch this video to find out.

## Text:

Inside our hearts  
lives a restless fire.  
All we need is a spark and a breath  
and the flames rise higher.  
- Timothy C. Takach

## Performance Notes:

I want this to be flexible, so you can use it in the best way for your singers. Use both body percussion ideas, use none of them, or come up with your own. Add Orff instruments. Have a small group that can do the clapping game stand in a line or circle apart from the choir. Have fun with this piece!



Inspired by captivating narrative, speculative fiction and making humans better through art, the music of Timothy C. Takach has risen fast in the concert world. Applauded for his melodic lines, thoughtful text choices and rich, intriguing harmonies, Takach has received commissions and performances from GRAMMY Award-winning ensembles Roomful of Teeth and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the St. Olaf Band, Cantus, Lorelei Ensemble, VocalEssence, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, The Rose Ensemble, and numerous other organizations. His compositions have been performed on A Prairie Home Companion, The Boston Pops holiday tour, numerous All-State and festival programs and at venues such as the Library of Congress, Kennedy Center and Royal Opera House Muscat. Takach is a co-creator of the theatrical production of *All is Calm: the Christmas Truce of 1914*, by Peter Rothstein.

Takach studied music composition at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, and has frequent national work as a composer-in-residence, clinician and lecturer. He is a full-time composer and lives in Minneapolis with his wife and two sons.