



SAUNDER
CHOI

THE NEW COLOSSUS

for SMATBB *a cappella*

SAUNDER CHOI *music*



PROGRAM NOTES:

I chose to set Emma Lazarus' poem *The New Colossus* because it makes sacrosanct the principle that the United States of America has been and will always be a nation of immigrants, regardless of xenophobic political ideologies. The notion of condemning immigration is against the concept of liberty and the land of the free. In this setting, I chose to only set the last few lines, arguably the more famous part of the poem. The post-minimalistic approach of relentless pulse and repetition is interpresed with a warm, lush section of hope and welcome.

THE NEW COLOSSUS

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glowes world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.

'Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!' cries she
With silent lips. *'Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!'*

-Emma Lazarus

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THE NEW COLOSSUS

for SMATBB a cappella

Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)

Saunder CHOI (2018)

Pulsing ♩ = 120
p poco marc.

Soprano
Give give give me your give g - give give me your g - give give me your give g -

Mezzo-soprano
p poco marc.
Give give give give g - give give g - give give give g -

Alto
p poco marc.
Give give give give g - give give g - give give give g -

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

4

S. *cresc. poco a poco*
give give give me your tired, ti-red ti-red ti - red t - ti-red ti-red, give me your tired ti-red,

M. *cresc. poco a poco*
give give give tired, ti-red ti-red ti - red t - ti-red ti-red, give your tired ti-red,

A. *cresc. poco a poco*
give give give tired, ti-red ti-red ti - red t - ti-red ti-red, give your tired ti-red,

8

S. give me give me your tired ti - red tired tired, your poor your poor p - p - p-poor your poor, give me your poor

M. give give tired ti - red tired tired, your poor your poor p - p - p-poor your poor, give your poor

A. give give tired tired tired, your poor your poor p - p - p-poor your poor, give your poor

12

S. p - p-poor your poor give me your poor your poor poor p-poor your poor your poor, Give me *mf*

M. p - p-poor your poor give your poor your poor poor p-poor your poor your poor, Give *mf*

A. p - p-poor your poor give your poor your poor poor p-poor your poor your poor, Give *mf*

16 **A**

S. give give give me your give g-give give me your g - give me your give g - give give give me your tired, *sf*

M. give give me your tired, *sf* *mf*

A. give give give give g-give give g - give give give g - give give give tired, *sf*

T. Give me your tired *sf* *mf* *sf*

Bar. Give me your tired *sf* *mf* *sf*

B. Give me your tired *sf* *mf* *sf*

20

S. *poco f*
 — t - tired, tired, your poor your poor p - p - p-poor

M. *poco f*
 ti - red ti - red ti - red t - ti - red ti - red, tired tired tired, your poor—

A. *poco f*
 ti - red ti - red ti - red t - ti - red ti - red, tired tired tired, your poor your poor p - p - p-poor

T. *poco f*
 — t - tired, tired, your poor,—

Bar. *poco f*
 — t - tired,

B. —

24

S. *cresc.*
 your poor, give me your poor p - p-poor your poor give me your poor your poor, Give me your huh

M. *cresc.*
 your poor, give your poor p - p-poor your poor give your poor your poor, Give your huh

A. *cresc.*
 your poor, give your poor p - p-poor your poor give your poor your poor, Give huh

T. — your—

Bar. *poco f*
 poor,— your—

B. *poco f*
 poor,— your—

28

S. *sub. p* *cresc. poco a poco*
 hu - hud-dled mass - es hud-dled mass - es hu - hud-dled mass - es mass - es hud-dled

M. *sub. p* *cresc. poco a poco*
 hu - huh hud-dled mass - es hu - hud-dled hud-dled mass - es hu - hud-dled hud-dled mass - es

A. *sub. p* *cresc. poco a poco*
 hu - hud-dled mass - es hud-dled mass - es hu - hud-dled mass - es mass - es hud-dled

T. *sub. p* *cresc. poco a poco*
 hud - dled mass - es hud - dled mass - es

Bar. *sub. p* *cresc. poco a poco*
 hud - dled hud - dled

B. *sub. p* *cresc. poco a poco*
 huh huh

32

S. *poco f*
 mass - es hu - hud-dled mass - es mass - es hud-dled mass - es hud - dled hu - hud-dled mass -

M. *poco f*
 hu - hud-dled hud-dled mass - es hu - hud-dled hud-dled mass - es hu - hud-dled hud-dled mass - es

A. *poco f*
 mass - es hu - hud-dled mass - es mass - es hud-dled mass - es hu - hud-dled mass -

T. *poco f*
 hud - dled mass - es hud - dled mass - es,

Bar. *poco f*
 hud - dled hud - dled mass -

B. *poco f*
 huh huh - - - - dled

B

p molto legato, with no trace of syncopation

36

S. es, yearn - ing to

M. hud - dled mass - es,

A. es, yearn year yearn - ing to breathe

T. yearn year yearn

Bar. es, yearn year

B. *poco f* mass - es, *fp* yearn

40

S. breathe free yearn - ing to breathe

M. yearn - ing to breathe free yearn - ing to

A. yearn-ing to breathe yuh-yearn yearn yuh-yearn yearn-ing to breathe free f-

T. yearn-ing yearn-ing to breathe yuh-yearn yearn yuh-yearn-ing to breathe yearn b-breathe

Bar. yearn yearn breathe yearn b-breathe yearn

B. yearn

p molto legato, with no trace of syncopation

(inhale and exhale audibly, in rhythm)

(inhale and exhale audibly, in rhythm)

(inhale and exhale audibly, in rhythm)

mf

44 *mp*

S. *mp*
 yearn - ing_ to_ breathe free_ yearn - ing_ to_ breathe_

M. *mp*
 _ breathe_ yearn - ing_ to_ breathe free_

A.
 free free f-free yearn-ing to yearn yuh-yearn yearn-ing to yearn-ing to breathe b-breathe

T.
 yearn-ing to breathe free f-free yearn yearn yearn yearn-ing b-breathe

Bar.
 _ yearn yearn yuh-yearn yearn yearn to breathe b-breathe

B.
 yearn - - - - - ing

48 *mf*

S. *mf*
 yearn - ing_ to_ breathe free_

M. *mf*
 yearn - ing_ to_ breathe_ yearn - ing_ to_ breathe_

A. *poco f*
 f-free free yuh-yearn yearn free yearn f-free

T. *poco f*
 f-free free free yearn f-free

Bar. *poco f*
 yuh-yearn yearn free

B.
 yearn - ing to breathe_

52

S. *sf* *poco f*
free

M. *poco f* *sf*
free

A.

T.

Bar.

B.

56

C In a feel of 2, a little slower $\text{♩} = 104$

S. *rit.* *sf* *sfp*
free

M. *sfp*
free

A. *sfp*
free

T. *sfp*
free

Bar. *sfp*
free

B. *sfp*
free

61 *sfp*

S. *free*

M. *sfp* *free*

A.

T.

Bar.

B.

66 *sfp* *(p sempre)*

S. *free* *free*

M. *sfp* *(p sempre)*

A. *sfp* *(p sempre)*

T. *mp warmly*

Bar. *mp warmly*

B. *mp warmly*

The wretch - ed re - fuse of your teem - ing shore.

71

S. *free*

M. *free*

A. *free*

T. Send these, the home - less,

Bar. Send these, the home - less,

B. Send these, the home - less,

76

S. *sfp* *mp*
free *free*

M. *sfp* *mp*
free *free*

A. *sfp* *mp*
free *free*

T. tem - pest tost to me, _____ *mf*
The wretch - ed

Bar. tem - pest tost to me, _____ *mf*
The wretch - ed

B. tem - pest tost to me, _____ *mf*
The wretch - ed

81

S. *sfp* *mf*
free. free.

M. *sfp* *mf*
free. free.

A. *sfp* *mf*
free. free.

T.
re - fuse of your teem - ing shore. Send these, the home - less, _____

Bar.
re - fuse of your teem - ing shore. Send these, the home - less, _____

B.
re - fuse of your teem - ing shore. Send these, the home - less, _____

86

S. **D**
free.

M. *p*
free.

A. *p*
free.

T. *p*
tem - pest tost to me. _____ I lift my lamp be - side the

Bar. *p*
tem - pest tost to me. _____ I lift my lamp be - side the

B. *p*
tem - pest tost to me. _____ I lift my lamp be - side the

91

S. *mp* I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en

M. *mp* I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en

A. *mp* I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en

T. *mp* gold - en door! gold - en

Bar. *mp* gold - en door! I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en door!

B. *mp* gold - en door! I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en door!

96

S. *mf* door! I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en

M. *mf* door! be - side the gold - en

A. *mf* door! I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en

T. *mf* door! I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en door!

Bar. *mf* I lift gold - en door!

B. *mf* I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en door!

12 *poco f* *rall.* *ff*

S. 100
 door! I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en door!

M. *poco f* *ff*
 door! I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en door!

A. *poco f* *ff*
 door! be - side the gold - en door!

T. *poco f* *ff*
 I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en door!

Bar. *poco f* *ff*
 I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en door!

B. *poco f* *ff*
 I lift my lamp be - side the gold - en door!

105 [E] Tempo I ♩ = 120

S.

M. *mf*

A. *mf*

T. *mp*
 tired tired

Bar. *mp*
 tired

B. (free slow gliss.) *mp*

110

S. *mp* yearn

M. *mp* yearn yearn-ing yuh-

A. *mp*

T. *mf* t - ti - red ti - red t - t - ti - red ti - red t - ti - red t - ti - red ti - red tired tired,

Bar. *mf* ti - red ti - red ti - red ti - red ti - red ti - red ti - red tired tired,

B. *mp* ti - red ti - red ti - red tired tired,

114

S. yuh-yearn yearn-ing yearn yuh-yearn yearn-ing yuh-yearn yuh-yearn-ing yuh-yearn-ing

M. yearn yuh-yearn yearn-ing yearn-ing to breathe, yuh-yearn yearn-ing yuh-yearn-ing to breathe, yuh-yearn-ing yuh-yearn-ing

A. *mp* yuh-yearn yearn-ing yearn yuh-yearn yearn-ing yuh-yearn yuh-yearn-ing yuh-yearn-ing

T. *mf*

Bar. *mf*

B. *mp legato* Yearn - ing to breathe free, Yearn -

F

mf legato, not syncopated

118

S. yearn-ing yearn yearn breathe free, breathe

M. yearn-ing yearn yearn-ing to breathe free, breathe

A. yearn-ing yearn yearn breathe free, breathe

T. *(mf)* tired t - ti-red ti-red t - t - ti-red ti-red t - ti-red t - ti-red

Bar. *(mf)* tired ti-red ti-red ti-red ti-red ti-red ti-red ti-red

B. - ing tired ti-red ti-red ti-red ti-red ti-red ti-red

122

S. free, yearn - ing to breathe *poco f*

M. free, yearn - ing to breathe *poco f*

A. free, yearn - ing to breathe *poco f*

T. *cresc. poco a poco* ti-red, poor poor p - p - p-poor p-poor poor p - p-poor p-poor p-poor poor poor, hu-

Bar. *cresc. poco a poco* ti-red, poor poor p-poor p-poor poor p-poor p-poor p-poor poor poor,

B. *cresc. poco a poco* ti-red, poor poor p-poor p-poor poor p-poor p-poor p-poor poor poor,

126

S. *sim.*
free, year - ing to breathe

M. *sim.*
free, year - ing to breathe

A. *sim.*
free, year - ing to breathe

T. *poco f legato, not syncopated*
hud-dled hu-hud-dled mass-es hu-hud-dled mass-es mass-es year - ing to breathe

Bar. hud-dled hud-dled mass hud-dled mass-ses hud-dled mass-es hud-dled mass-es mass-es

B. hud-dled hud-dled mass hud-dled mass-ses hud-dled mass-es hud-dled mass-es mass-es

130

S. free, year - ing to breathe free,

M. free, year - ing to breathe free,

A. free, year - ing to breathe free,

T. *sim.*
free, year - ing to breathe free,
poco f *sim.*

Bar. hud-dled mass-es, breathe free, breathe

B. hud-dled mass, breathe free, breathe
poco f *sim.*

135

S. *f*
 yearn - ing to breathe free, yearn - ing

M. *f*
 yearn - ing to breathe free, yearn - ing

A. *f*
 yearn - ing to breathe free, yearn - ing

T. *f*
 yearn - ing to breathe free, yearn - ing

Bar. *f*
 free, breathe free,

B. *f*
 free, breathe free,

140

S. *ff*
 to breathe free, yearn - ing to

M. *ff*
 to breathe free, yearn - ing to

A. *ff*
 to breathe free, yearn - ing to

T. *ff*
 to breathe free, yearn - ing to

Bar. *f* *ff*
 breathe free, breathe free,

B. *f* *ff*
 breathe free, breathe free,

molto rall.

145

S. breathe free. *fff* (inhale audibly, hold for a few seconds then release)

M. breathe free. *fff* (inhale audibly, hold for a few seconds then release)

A. breathe free. *fff* (inhale audibly, hold for a few seconds then release)

T. breathe free. *fff* (inhale audibly, hold for a few seconds then release)

Bar. breathe free. *fff* (inhale audibly, hold for a few seconds then release)

B. breathe free. *fff* (inhale audibly, hold for a few seconds then release)