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U n i t e d i n S o n g
for solo voice or SATB chorus a cappella

*The blue, the red, the white, the black, the brown,
And all the colors in-between,
Women and men and everyone who breathes
Can sing along with me:
We dream of a land of a world
Brave enough, proud enough to be
United in song
To fight for justice and peace.*

*Your god, my god, our right to believe, or not—
We all eat from an earth that's green.
All bodies, all minds, the young, and elderly,
We all want to be heard and seen.
We dream of a land of a world
Brave enough, proud enough to be
United in song
To fight for justice and peace.*

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Composer's Notes

“United in Song: An Anthem for Our Time” was composed in the fall of 2017 as a response to Colin Kaepernick's kneeling during the National Anthem. All of the discord over what patriotism is or is not led me to the question: What anthem would I stand for?

#EricGarner
#MikeBrown
#FreddieGray
#OscarGrant
#SandraBland
#TanishaAnderson
#JordanFrazier
#WalterScott
#EmmettTill
#JamarClark
#PhilandoCastile
#AltonSterling
#EricHarris
#TerenceCrutcher
#TrayvonMartin
#TamirRice
#LaquanMcDonald
#JohnCrawfordIII
#StephonClark
#CoreyJones
#BothamJean
#HeatherHeyer
#SayTheirNames
#BlackLivesMatter
#RestInPower

dur. = ca. 2'30"

Dedicated to Lawrence University Viking Chorale and their Conductor Dr. Stephen Sieck

United in Song : An Anthem for Our Time

for solo voice or SATB chorus a cappella

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Boldly, comfortably ♩ = ca. 66

mf

Solo or All Voices

* 1. The blue, the red, the white, the black, the brown, And all the colors in - be -

⑤

tween, Wo-men and men and eve - ry-one who breathes Can sing a-long with

⑩ *mp poco a poco cresc.*

me: We dream of a land of a world Brave e-nough, proud e - nough to be U -

p poco a poco cresc.

We dream to be U -

mp poco a poco cresc.

** We dream of a land of a world Brave e-nough, proud e - nough to be U -

p poco a poco cresc.

We dream of a land of a world Brave e - nough, proud e - nough to be U -

p poco a poco cresc.

We dream of a land of a world Brave e-nough, proud e - nough to be U -

*The solo line, abbreviated as 'V,' may be sung by a soloist throughout or with a sub-choir or congregation or by multiple soloists "passing the baton" every five bars or with altos and basses singing the first verse, alternating phrases, and sopranos and tenors singing the second verse, alternating phrases, etc. The possibilities are limitless! If sung as a solo, disregard the choral parts.

**Add voices to the alto part (as necessary) in mm. 10-13 and 29-32.

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V nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace. * 2. Your

S nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace. *poco dim.*

A nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace. *poco dim.*

T nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace. *poco dim.*

B nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace. *poco dim.*

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V god, my god, our right to be-lieve or not— We all eat from an earth that's green. All

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V bo - dies, all minds, the young and eld - er - ly, We all want to be heard and

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mp poco a poco cresc.

V
seen. We dream of a land of a world Brave e-nough, proud e-nough to be U -

S
p poco a poco cresc.
We dream _____ to be U -

A
mp poco a poco cresc.
* * We dream of a land of a world Brave e-nough, proud e-nough to be U -

T
p poco a poco cresc.
We dream of a land of a world Brave e-nough, proud e-nough to be U -

B
p poco a poco cresc.
We dream of a land of a world Brave e-nough, proud e-nough to be U -



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V
f
nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace.

S
f
nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace.

A
f
nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace.

T
f
nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace.

B
f
nit - ed in song To fight for jus - tice and peace.

