

Within

For SATB

(2023)

Carlos Cordero

S
A

* *soprano* * *alto*

T
B

* *tenor* * *bass*

* : Remember is ok to ask a buddy for help and sing with you when you need it :)

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ABOUT THE WORK

Many people say the answer is within. If the question is what piece should I program? Yes, the answer is *Within!* (ba dn ts).

In all seriousness, finding the answers within myself is a huge struggle! I am learning to trust others and their kindness. I am trying to trust my voice, my decisions, and my ideas. Writing *Within* is a fun journey—I say fun, which is Carlos' Spanish for *scary*— because it allows me to fight back the doubting side that questions if it is too simple, too naked. It reminded me that vulnerability of asking for help.

Ryan wrote such a tender text, very pure and with no pretensions. When I composed the piece, I thought I'd call it *Divine Bliss*, but after I finished, I realized I was missing the point. The goal was to think about the self within, not about the divine bliss. You might even say I avoided looking inward and try to be completely comfortable with myself.

The piece goes from loud to soft. Simple. Sometimes, the answers are softly talking in the background, and we must dare to sit and keep listening until we can reach and find that light within. I know, easier said than done, right? Email me at composer.cordero@gmail.com if you want to share your story or to whom you decided to dedicate your performance.

TEXT

They who find peace,
and joy,
and radiance within
are one with divine bliss.

Ryan Heller

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I, _____, dedicate this to _____ (who are you dedicating this to?)

Within

for SATB unaccompanied.

Music
Carlos Cordero (b. 1992)
New Choral Music Advocate

Text
Ryan Heller (b. 1979)

A Carefree, as if you were hugging yourself through the storm ♩ = 76

S

A

T *f*
They who find _____ peace and joy and ra - diance with - in are one with di - vine _____

B

Pno. red.

9 **B**

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

mf
bliss Ooh _____

f
They who find _____ peace and joy and ra - diance with - in are one with di - vine _____

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17 **C** *mf* 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 4

They who find _____ peace and joy and ra-diance with - in are

mf They who find _____ peace and joy and ra-diance with - in are one with di - vine_

mp They _____ who _____ find _____ peace _____ and _____ joy _____ and _____

mp bliss Ooh

17

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D *mp* 25 26 27 28 29 30

one with di - vine _____ bliss They who find _____

mp bliss They who find _____ peace and joy and

_____ ra - diance _____ with - in _____ are _____ one _____

25

31 32 33 34 35 36 5

peace and joy and ra - diance with - in are one with di - vine

ra - diance with - in are one with di - vine bliss

with di - vine bliss.

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

bliss

p *pp*

bliss bliss bliss bliss

pp *pp*

bliss bliss

bliss bliss

37

49 *ppp* 50 51 52 53 54 6

bliss

ppp

with - in, with - in,

ppp

bliss

ppp

with - in, with - in,

49

55 *pppp* 56 57 58 59 60

with - in, with - in.

pppp

with - in, with - in.

pppp

with - in.

pppp

with - in, with - in.

55