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SATB Chorus

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WE GIVE WHAT WE CAN

We give what we can,
but not so much it hurts.

—Barbara Crooker

This piece excerpts Crooker’s poem “Catalog.”

PROGRAM NOTES

This briskly-paced piece offers a brutally honest assessment of how humanity often responds to a crisis: “We give what we can, but not so much it hurts.” *We give what we can* is excerpted from *A Calendar of Light*, a 75-minute work that takes the shape of a calendar and holds us accountable for our relationship with the earth, especially in the greater context of climate change. Ultimately, the piece calls for reflection and action.

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PERFORMANCE NOTES

Whenever a glissando is marked between two notes, singers establish the note briefly, then slide to reach the next note.

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S. 1 give what we can we can but not so much. it hurts. We give give give give

S. 2 give what we can we can but not so much it hurts it hurts. We give give give give

A. 1 give what we can we can but not so much it hurts. We give give give give

A. 2 what we can we can but not so much it hurts it hurts. We give give give give

T. 1 **Tenor 1** it hurts. We give

Pno.

16

S. 1 give give give what we can we can but not so much. it hurts. We give give give give

S. 2 give give give what we can we can but not so much it hurts it hurts. We give give give give

A. 1 give what we can we can but not so much it hurts. We give give give give

A. 2 give give give what we can we can but not so much it hurts. We give give give give

T. 1 what we can we can but not so much it hurts it hurts. We give

Pno.

21

S. 1
give give give what we can we can but not so much. it hurts. We

S. 2
give give give what we can we can but not so much it hurts it hurts. We

A.
give give give what we can we can but not so much it hurts. We

T. 1
what we can we can but not so much it hurts it hurts. We.

T. 2
p it hurts it hurts. We

B.
p We

Pno.

25

S. *mf*
give give give give give give give what we can we can we

A. 1 *mf*
give give give give give give give what we can we can we can

A. 2 *mf*
give give give give give give give what we can we can we

T. 1 *mf*
give give give give give give what we can we can we

T. 2 *mf*
give what we can we can

B. *mf* *p* *mf*
25 give. What we can

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S. *We give give give give*

A. 1 *can we can but not so much. it hurts. We give give give give*

A. 2 *we can we can but not so much it hurts it hurts. We give*

T. 1 *can we can but not so much it hurts. We*

T. 2 *what we can we can but not so much it hurts it hurts.*

B. *we can not so much it hurts*

Pno.

38

S. 1 *give give give give give give give give give what we can we can we can we can but*

S. 2 *give give give give give give give give give what we can we can we can we can but*

A. 1 *give give give give give give give give give what we can we can we can we can but*

A. 2 *what we can we can what we can we can but*

T. *We give what we can but*

B. *We give what we can but*

Pno.

43

S. 1
not so much it hurts. it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts

S. 2
not so much it hurts hurts hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it

A. 1
not so much it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it

A. 2
not so much it

T.
mf not so much *mp* it

B.
mf not so much *mp* it

Pno.

47

S. 1
pp it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts *ff* it hurts

S. 2
pp hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts *ff* it hurts.

A. 1
pp hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts it hurts *ff* hurts.

A. 2
pp hurts.

T.
mf hurts *mf*

B.
mf hurts.

Pno.