

We Sing to Breathe Together

Unison Chorus + Piano

Shruthi Rajasekar

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Text:

In all of our lungs the same air flows
to forge us into unity
The breath we draw, the hopes we share,
make comrades and community

the wind that blows in from the west
to Scotland where we sing
the mountain air wakes up the world
so brisk and billowing

from gentle breeze to tempest storm
and skies from blue to grey
diversity's among the lessons
learned from nature's way

The mysteries hidden by the haar
that rises from the sea
inspire us to exercise
our curiosity

and so we ask how we may build
a better world to share
we learn to treat our neighbors with
compassion and with care

Each morning now we sing to breathe
together, all as one
Like gusts and gales propelling forth
our journey just begun

- Mallika Balakrishnan

Vocal range:



Composer and vocalist Shruthi Rajasekar (she/her) is a McKnight Fellow, Jerome Hill Artist Fellow, Associate of the Royal Northern College of Music (ARNCM), winner of the Global Women in Music Award from the United Nations, and a Marshall Scholarship recipient. Shruthi's music reflects her diasporic South Asian identity and deep roots in the Carnatic (South Indian classical) and Western classical idioms. Through her work, Shruthi seeks to bring people together in the pursuit of representation, advocacy, and radical joy.

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With spirit ♩ = 63

Voice

Piano

6

11

16 **Chorus** *f* For perusal only. Do not copy.

In all of our lungs the same air flows to forge us in - to u - ni - ty, The

mf

Seq.

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breath we draw, the hopes we share, make com - rades and com - mu - ni - ty.

mf

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26 **Verse 1** *mf*

The wind that blows in from the west to Scot - land where we

mp

30 *f* *mf* **Verse 2** *mf*

sing, the moun - tain air wakes up the world, so brisk and bil - low - ing from

mf *f*

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35

mf

gen - tle breeze to tem - pest storm and skies from blue to grey, di -

mp *mf*

39

Chorus *f*

- ver - si - ty's a - mong the les - sons learned from na - ture's way. In

mp *mf*

43

all of our lungs the same air flows to forge us in - to - u - ni - ty, The breath we draw, the

mf

48

hopes we share, make com - rades and com - mu - ni - ty.

f

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53

Musical score for measures 53-56. The vocal line consists of rests. The piano accompaniment features eighth-note patterns and triplets.

Verse 3 Swirling Mist

57

Musical score for measures 57-60. Includes lyrics: "The my - st'ries hid - den by the haar that". Features dynamic markings like "p" and "cresc. poco a poco".

With spirit

61

Musical score for measures 61-64. Includes lyrics: "ris - es from the sea, in - spi - re us to ex - er - cise our". Features dynamic markings like "f" and "mf".

Verse 4 Earnest

65

Musical score for measures 65-68. Includes lyrics: "cu - ri - os - i - ty, and so we ask how we may build a bet - ter world to share, we". Features dynamic markings like "mf".

Red.

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71

learn to treat our neigh - bours with com - pas - sion and with care. In all of our lungs the

mf

Red.

76

same air flows to forge us in - to - u - ni - ty. The breath we draw, the

80

hopes we share, make com - rades and com - mu - ni - ty.

mf

(Red.)

84

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90 **Bridge** *p* For perusal only. Do not copy.

Each morn - ing now we sing to breathe to - geth - er, all as one.

95 *mp* *cresc.* *accel.* shruthi rajasekar music

We sing to breathe, we sing to breathe, to - geth - er one, _____ like

101

gusts and gales, pro - pel - ling forth, _____ our jour - ney just be - gun! _____

106 *a tempo* **Chorus** *ff* *f*

_____ In all of our lungs the same air _____ flows to forge us in - to _____

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110

u - ni - ty, The breath we draw, the hopes we share, make com - rades and com - mu - ni - ty, make

mf

115

com - rades and com - mu - ni - ty, make com - rades and com - mu - ni - ty!

ff

f

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120

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126

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ff

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