Gwyneth Walker Let Us Go Together

for SATB Chorus and Piano



Commissioned by the Choir of the United Church of Rowayton, Connecticut in honor of John Livingston (Pastor) and Judi Livingston (beloved member of the choir).

To be premiered on the occasion of John's retirement: June 5, 2022

Let Us Go Together

The way is long: Let us go together The way is joyful: Let us share it The way is ours: Let us go in love The way opens before us: Let us begin – anonymous

Where there is faith, there is love; where there is love, there is peace; where there is peace, there is God; And where there is God. . . – Leo Tolstoy

. . .there is completeness, ALL! – Gwyneth Walker

The text for this song is divided into two sections. The opening lines (of anonymous origin) form a blessing as one embarks on life's journey. *The way is long: Let us go together*.

The second stanza (from the writings of Leo Tolstoy) speaks of where one's journey might lead. *Where there is faith, there is love...* Ultimately, as the journey leads to God, *there is completeness*. [As Tolstoy would say, there is no need.]

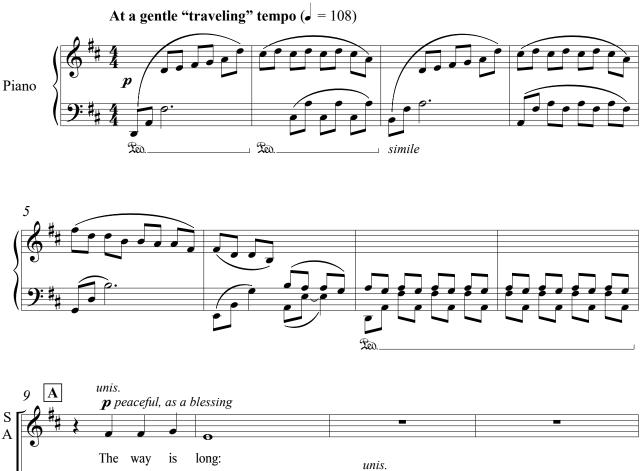
The musical setting contrasts the two texts. The blessing (for a journey) opens with a flowing (arpeggiated) piano accompaniment marked, *At a gentle, traveling tempo*. In contrast, the second section is characterized by a rhythmic style. This is *driven* music, and the conclusion comes with God, completeness, ALL!

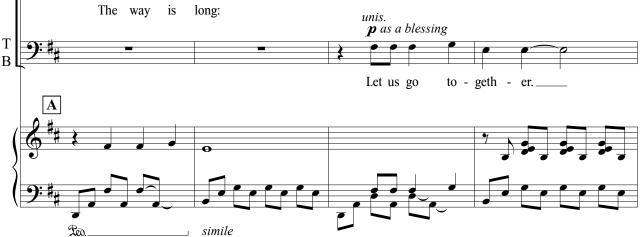
At the end, the opening, flowing phrases return. All voices sing, *Let us go together*. A single line in the piano high range signifies the departure.

Information concerning Gwyneth Walker and her works is available at: <u>www.gwynethwalker.com</u> Commissioned by the Choir of the United Church of Rowayton, Connecticut in honor of John Livingston (Pastor), and Judi Livingston (beloved member of the choir).

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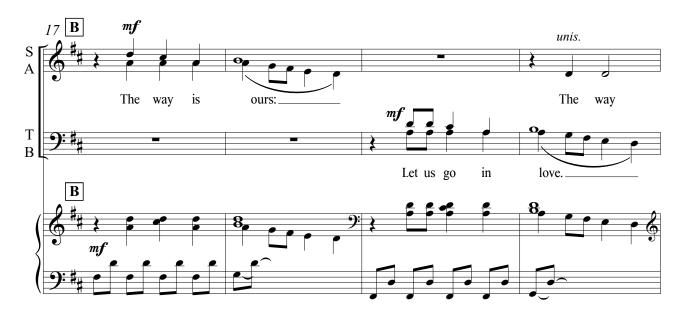
"The Way is Long" – Anonymous "Where There is Faith" – Leo Tolstoy (1828–1910) G. Walker, alt. Gwyneth Walker

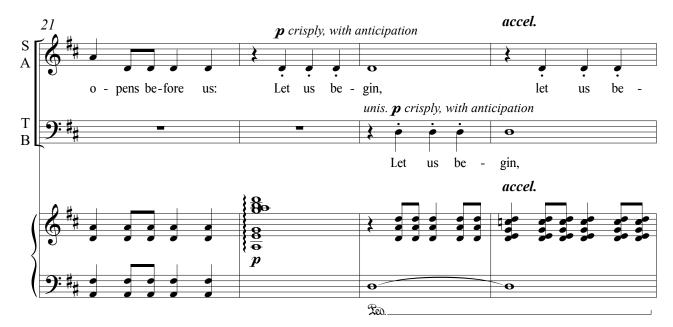




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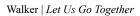


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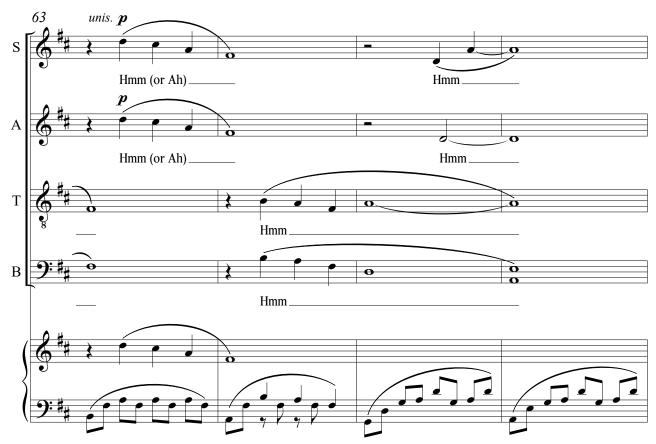
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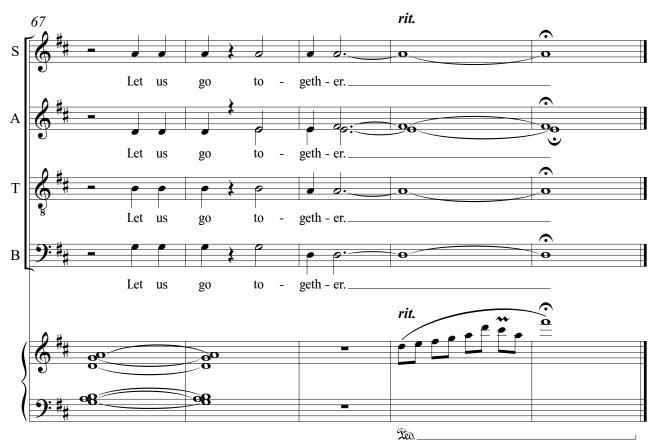






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