

The Tree of Peace

for SATB Chorus (divisi) and Chamber Orchestra or Piano

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Adapted from the poem *O Brother Man*
by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

With strength ♩ = 88

Measures 1-4 of the piano introduction. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a strong, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The first measure starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

Measures 5-8 of the piano introduction. The music continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. Measure 8 includes a *ritard.* (ritardando) marking, indicating a gradual deceleration of the tempo.

Measures 9-12, marking the vocal entry. The tempo is marked *a tempo, flowing*. A boxed 'A' indicates a tempo change to ♩ = 88. The lyrics are: "O, my sis - ter and my". The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) enter in measure 9. The piano accompaniment continues with a flowing accompaniment.

Measures 13-16 of the piano accompaniment. The tempo remains *a tempo, flowing*. A boxed 'A' indicates a tempo change to ♩ = 88. The piano part features a flowing accompaniment with a *p unobtrusively* (piano unobtrusively) dynamic marking. The piece concludes with a *simile* (simile) marking.

12 *mp*

broth - er, all who walk up - on this earth,

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broth - er, all who walk up - on this earth,

(p)

15 *mf* *p*

fold to your hearts each oth - er. _____

mf *p*

fold to your hearts each oth - er. _____

mf *p*

fold to your hearts each oth - er. _____

mf *p*

fold to your hearts each oth - er. _____

(p)

18 *mf cantabile*

Where mer-cy dwells, the peace of the Lord is there.

mf cantabile

Where mer-cy dwells, the peace of the Lord is there.

p

Red.

21 **B**

mf cantabile

To live right-ly is to love one an-oth - er

mf cantabile

To live right-ly is to love one an-oth - er

B *mf*

simile

30

broth - er, fold to your hearts each oth - er.

broth - er, fold to your hearts each oth - er.

broth - er, fold to your hearts each oth - er.

broth - er, fold to your hearts each oth - er.

cresc.

f

33

Lis - ten, lis - ten to one - an - oth - er

p

p

p

p

(p)

p

35 *ritard.*

D Slower ♩ = 72

p

Walk with rev-'rence in the steps of those who have
 Lis-ten, ___ lis-ten to one an-oth-er ___ in the steps of those who have
 Walk with rev-'rence in the steps of those who have
 Lis-ten, ___ Walk with rev-'rence in the steps of those who have

ritard.

D Slower ♩ = 72

37

mf

gone be-fore, where for - give-ness and wis-dom have stood. So shall the wide earth be-come a

mf

gone be-fore, where for - give-ness and wis-dom have stood. So shall the wide earth be-come a

mf

gone be-fore, where for - give-ness and wis-dom have stood. So shall the wide earth be-come a

mf

gone be-fore, where for - give-ness and wis-dom have stood. So shall the wide earth be-come a

40

tem - ple, each lov - ing life a psalm of gra - ti - tude

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tem - ple, each life a psalm of gra - ti -

tem - ple, each life a psalm of gra - ti -

8va

p

Ped.

43

walk with rev - 'rence where for - give - ness and wis - dom have stood.

walk with rev - 'rence

tude where for - give - ness and wis - dom have stood.

tude. Lis - ten, lis - ten to one an - oth - er,

loco

p

mf

p

Ped.

46 *p* **E** *accel poco a poco* (to m. 53) *p*

Ah, _____

Lis-ten, _____ lis-ten to one an-oth-er lis-ten, _____

lis-ten. _____ Lis-ten, _____ lis-ten to one an-oth-er,

E *accel poco a poco* (to m. 53)

48 *(accel.)* *p*

ah, _____

lis-ten, _____ lis-ten to one an-oth-er, lis-ten, _____

p *mp*

Ah, _____

lis-ten. _____ Lis-ten, _____ lis-ten to one an-oth-er,

(accel.) *mp* 5 5 5 5

50 (accel.) mp mp mf

ah, Lis-ten. Ah,*

lis-ten, lis-ten to one an-oth-er. Lis-ten, lis-ten to one an-oth-er.

mp mf

ah, Lis-ten, Ah,

mf

lis-ten, lis-ten to one an-oth-er.

(accel.)

mf 5 5 5 5

simile

52 (accel.) Quickly f

Lis-ten. Ah, Lis-ten to one an-oth-er. Lis-ten to one an-oth-er.

f

Lis-ten, lis-ten to one an-oth-er. Lis-ten to one an-oth-er. Lis-ten to one an-oth-er.

f

Lis-ten. Ah, Lis-ten to one an-oth-er. Lis-ten to one an-oth-er.

f

Lis-ten, lis-ten to one an-oth-er. Lis-ten to one an-oth-er. Lis-ten to one an-oth-er.

(accel.) Quickly f

5 5 5 5

* In 2010, the composer corrected this note from B⁴ to B^b.

54

ritard.

F With strength ♩ = 88

Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Then shall all

Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Then shall all *unis.*

Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Then shall all

Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Then shall all

ritard.

F With strength ♩ = 88

f

56

shack - les fall. The vio - lence of war o - ver the

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unis. shack - les fall. The vio - lence of war o - ver the

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58

earth shall cease. Love shall tread out the fire of anger, and in its

earth shall cease. Love shall tread out the fire of anger, and in its

earth shall cease. Love shall tread out the fire of anger,

earth shall cease. Love shall tread out the fire of anger,

61

ash - es plant a tree of peace. Then shall all

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ash - es peace.

ash - es peace.

70

p an - ger, and in its ash - es plant a tree of

p an - ger, and in its ash - es plant a tree of

mf where mer - cy dwells, the Lord is there.

unis. mf where mer - cy dwells, the Lord is there.

73 *ritard. cresc.* *unis.* **H** *f* **Flowing** ♩ = 108

peace — plant a tree of peace. _____

cresc. *unis.* *f* peace, — plant a tree of peace. _____

cresc. *unis.* *f* Plant a tree of peace, a tree of peace. _____

cresc. *unis.* *f* Plant a tree of peace, a tree of peace. _____

ritard. **H** *f* **Flowing** ♩ = 108

Red.

76

(f) Ah, _____ ah, _____ *ritard.*

(f) Ah, _____ ah, _____

Ah, _____

Ah, _____

simile

80 **Slower** ♩ = 72 *unis.*, *p subito*

Love shall tread out the fire of an - ger, _____ and in its ash - es plant a

Love shall tread out the fire of an - ger, _____ and in its ash - es plant a

unis. Love shall tread out the fire of an - ger, _____

Love shall tread out the fire of an - ger, _____

Slower ♩ = 72

83

I *a tempo* ♩ = 108

tree of peace

tree of peace

I *a tempo* ♩ = 108

mf cantabile

87

pp gently, as a background

Plant a tree of peace. Plant a tree of

pp gently, as a background

Plant a tree of peace. Plant a tree of

96 *p*

Lis-ten, ___ lis-ten to one _ an-oth-er, Lis-ten, to one _ an-oth-er, lis-ten to one _ an-oth-er, _

p

Lis-ten, ___ lis-ten to one _ an-oth-er, Lis-ten, to one _ an-oth-er, lis-ten to one _ an-oth-er, _

p

98 *ritard. to end* *unis. p*

and plant a tree of peace. ___

unis. p

and plant a tree of peace. ___

p unis.

and plant a tree of peace. ___

p unis.

and plant a tree of peace. ___

mf *ritard. to end* *8va*