

# The Tree of Peace

for TTBB Chorus (*divisi*) and Piano

Lyrics by Gwyneth Walker  
Adapted from the poem *O Brother Man*  
by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

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With strength ♩ = 88

Piano

4

8 *ritard.*, *a tempo, flowing*

**A** (♩ = 88)

11 *unis.* *p* *mp*

T1  
T2  
8 O, my sis - ter and my broth - er, all who walk up - on this

*unis.* *p* *mp*

B1  
B2  
O, my sis - ter and my broth - er, all who walk up - on this

**A** (♩ = 88)

*p* *unobtrusive*

*Ped.* *simile*

14 *mf*  
8 earth, fold to your hearts each oth - er.

8 earth, fold to your hearts each oth - er.

*(p)*

17 *p* *unis. cantabile*  
8 Where mer-cy dwells, the peace of the Lord is

*p*

*Ped. Ped.*

20 *p* **B**  
8 there.

*cantabile*

**B** *mf*  
To live right-ly is to

*Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.*

23 *unis. mf*

each kindness a gift,  
love one another

Ped

26

each deed a prayer.

Ped

29 **C** *p*

O, my sister and my brother, fold to your hearts each  
O, my sister and my brother, fold to your hearts each

*cresc.*

Ped

4

32 *f* *p*

oth - er.

oth - er.

*f* *p*

*f* *p*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

34 *ritard.* (*p*)

Lis - ten \_\_\_\_\_ lis - ten to one \_ a - noth - er

(*p*) Lis - ten \_\_\_\_\_ lis - ten to one \_ a - noth - er, lis - ten, \_\_\_\_\_

*ritard.*

*p*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

36 **D** Slower ♩ = 72 (*p*) *mf*

T1 Walk with rev - erence in the steps of those who have gone be - fore, where for -

T2 \_\_\_\_\_ in the steps of those who have gone be - fore, where for -

B1 \_\_\_\_\_ in the steps of those who have gone be - fore, where for -

B2 Walk with rev - erence in the steps of those who have gone be - fore, where for -

**D** Slower ♩ = 72

38

T1  
give-ness and wis-dom have stood. So shall the wide earth be-come our

T2  
give-ness and wis-dom have stood. So shall the wide earth be-come our

B1  
give-ness and wis-dom have stood. So shall the wide earth be-come our

B2  
give-ness and wis-dom have stood. So shall the wide earth be-come our

*f*

40

T1  
tem-ple, each lov-ing life a psalm of gra-ti-tude.

T2  
tem-ple, each lov-ing life a psalm of gra-ti-tude.

B1  
tem-ple, each life a psalm of gra-ti-tude. (*p*)

B2  
tem-ple, each life a psalm of gra-ti-tude. (*p*)

*p*

43 *(p)* *f*

Walk with rev - erence where for - give - ness and wis - dom have stood. \_\_\_\_\_

*(p)* *f*

Walk with rev - erence where for - give - ness and wis - dom have stood. \_\_\_\_\_

tude. \_\_\_\_\_

tude. \_\_\_\_\_ *p* Lis - ten, lis - ten to one - a - noth - er,

*loco*  
*p* *mf* *p*

Ped Ped

46 *p* **E** *accel. (to m. 54)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*p* \_\_\_\_\_ *p* Ah, \_\_\_\_\_

*p* Lis - ten, \_\_\_\_\_ lis - ten to one - a - noth - er, lis - ten. \_\_\_\_\_

lis - ten. \_\_\_\_\_ Lis - ten, \_\_\_\_\_ lis - ten to one - a - noth - er,

**E** *accel. (to m. 54)*

Ped Ped Ped Ped

48 (accel.) *p* *mp*

Ah, \_\_\_\_\_

ah, \_\_\_\_\_

Lis - ten, \_\_\_\_\_ lis - ten to one \_ a - noth - er, lis - ten. \_\_\_\_\_

lis - ten. Lis - ten, lis - ten to one \_ a - noth - er,

(accel.) *mp*

Ped Ped Ped Ped

50 (accel.) *mp* *mf*

ah, \_\_\_\_\_ ah, \_\_\_\_\_

ah, \_\_\_\_\_ Lis - ten. \_\_\_\_\_

Lis - ten, \_\_\_\_\_ lis - ten to one \_ a - noth - er. Lis - ten, \_\_\_\_\_ lis - ten to one \_ a - noth - er.

lis - ten. \_\_\_\_\_ Lis - ten, \_\_\_\_\_ lis - ten to one \_ a - noth - er.

(accel.) *mf*

Ped Ped

52 (accel.) **Quickly**  
*f*  
 Lis - ten. — Lis - ten to one a - noth - er, lis - ten to one a - noth - er.  
 Ah, — Lis - ten to one a - noth - er, lis - ten to one a - noth - er.  
 Lis - ten — lis - ten to one a - noth - er. Lis - ten to one a - noth - er. Lis - ten to one a - noth - er.  
 Lis - ten — lis - ten to one a - noth - er. Lis - ten to one a - noth - er. Lis - ten to one a - noth - er.

(accel.) **Quickly**  
*f*  
 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

54 *ritard.* **F With strength** ♩ = 88  
 Then — shall all shack - les fall. —  
 Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Lis - ten — Then shall all shack - les fall. —  
 Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Lis - ten. — Then shall all shack - les fall. —  
 Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Lis - ten. — Then shall all shack - les fall. —

*ritard.* **F With strength** ♩ = 88  
 5 5 5 5  
 Ped.



57

The vio-lence of war o-ver the earth shall cease. — Love shall tread out the fire of

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*mf*

60

an-ger, — and in its ash-es plant a tree of peace.

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an-ger, — and in its ash-es plant a tree of peace. —

an-ger, — and in its ash-es plant a tree of peace. —

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

Ped Ped

63 **G** *f*

Then shall all shack - les fall. —

Then shall all shack - les fall. —

*f* O, my sis - ter and my broth - -

*f* O, my sis - ter and my broth - -

**G** *f*

*Ped.*

65

The vio - lence of war o - ver the earth shall cease. —

The vio - lence of war o - ver the earth shall cease. —

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

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

67 *mf* *unis. p*

Love shall tread out the fire of an - ger, and in its

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Where mer - cy dwells, the Lord is

Where mer - cy dwells, the Lord is

*mf*

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

ash - es plant a tree of peace, — plant a tree of peace. —

ash - es plant a tree of peace, — plant a tree of peace. —

there. Plant a tree of peace, a tree of peace. —

there. plant a tree of peace, a tree of peace. —

*ritard.* **H** Flowing ♩ = 108 *f*

*p* *Ped.*

72

Ah, ah, Ah, ah, Ah, Ah,

*Ped.* *simile*

76

*ritard.* **Slower** ♩ = 72 *p*

Love shall tread out the fire of an - ger, and in its

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*ritard.* **Slower** ♩ = 72 *p*

79

I *a tempo* (♩ = 108)

ash - es plant a tree of peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
ash - es plant a tree of peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
ash - es plant a tree of peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
ash - es plant a tree of peace. \_\_\_\_\_

I *a tempo* (♩ = 108)

*(p)* *mf cantabile*

84

8va

**J** Tempo primo ♩ = 88

88 *ritard.* *mf*

Lis-ten, \_ lis-ten to one \_ a-noth-er.

Lis-ten, \_ lis-ten to one \_ a-noth-er.

*ritard.* *8va* **J** Tempo primo ♩ = 88 *loco*

91 *p*

Lis-ten, \_ lis-ten to one \_ a-noth-er.

Lis-ten, \_ lis-ten to one \_ a-noth-er.

Lis-ten, \_ lis-ten to one \_ a-noth-er.

Lis-ten, \_ lis-ten to one \_ a-noth-er.

*8va* *loco* *p*

94

*ritard.*

Lis-ten, — lis-ten to one — a-noth-er.

Lis-ten, — lis-ten to one — a-noth-er.

*ritard.*

*mf*

*p*

96 (*rit.*)

*unis.*

*unis.*

Peace, peace.

Peace.

*unis.*

Peace.

*unis.*

Peace.

(*rit.*)

(*8va*)

*p*

*8<sup>ub</sup>*