

Where There Is Light In the Soul

Chinese proverb

TBB a cappella



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*Where there is light in the soul there will be beauty in the person.
Where there is beauty in the person there will be harmony in the home.
Where there is harmony in the home there will be honor in the nation.
Where there is honor in the nation there will be peace in the world.*

Chinese proverb

“When I decided to set this Chinese proverb to music, I offered myself a delightful musical challenge. Each of the five central concepts — light, beauty, harmony, honor and peace — is given a distinct character, using rhythm, harmony, melody and articulation. Each time these words make an appearance in the music, no matter how briefly, these musical “signatures” are present, woven into the fabric of the composition.” - E.A.

Elizabeth Alexander spent her childhood in the Carolinas and the Appalachian region of Ohio. She studied composition with Steven Stucky, Jack Gallagher, Karel Husa, and Yehudi Wyner, receiving her bachelors degree from The College of Wooster and her doctoral degree from Cornell University.

Her many commissions include orchestral, chamber and choral works, with her passion for language reflected in her large catalogue of vocal and choral compositions. Orchestral and chamber performers of her works have included Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra, North/South Consonance, Sounds New, Society for New Music, Women’s Works and The Music Fix. Her music has been performed by hundreds of choirs, including VocalEssence, Gregg Smith Singers, Elmer Iseler Singers, New York Virtuoso Singers, and the entire student body of Waunakee Elementary School.

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TBB choir a cappella

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(♩ = 76-80) with lightness and grace

mp

Tenor

Where there is light in the soul there will be beauty in the

mp

Baritone

Where there is light in the soul there will be beauty in the

mp

Bass

Where there is light in the soul there will be beauty in the

4

Ten

per - - son. Where there is

Bar

per - - son, where there is light in the soul. Where there is

Bass

per - - son, where there is light in the soul. Where there is

6

Ten

beau - ty in the per - son there will be

Bar

beau - ty in the per - son there will be

Bass

beau - ty in the per - - son there will be

2

8

Ten har - mo - ny, there will be har - mo - ny, there will be

Bar har - mo - ny, there will be har - mo - ny, there will be

Bass har - mo - ny, there will be har - mo - ny, there will be

10

Ten har - mo - ny in the home, _____ Where there is

Bar har - mo - ny in the home, in the home, Where there is

Bass har - mo - ny in the home, the home, Where there is

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Ten har - mo - ny in the home there will be hon - or in the

Bar har - mo - ny in the home there will be hon - or in the

Bass har - mo - ny in the home there will be hon - or in the

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23 *f* *...and warmth* *p*

Ten
light in the soul, where there is light in the soul,

Bar
light in the soul, where there is light in the soul,

Bass
light in the soul, where there is light in the soul,

26

Ten
There will be peace in the world, there will be peace in the

Bar
There will be peace in the world, there will be peace in the

Bass
There will be peace in the world, there will be peace in the

30 *mf*

Ten
world, where there is light in the soul

Bar
world, where there is light in the soul

Bass
world, where there is light in the soul

34 *p*

Ten there will be peace, there will be peace,

Bar there will be peace, will be peace, will be peace, will be

Bass there will be peace, will be peace, will be peace, where there is *mp*

38

Ten will be peace,

Bar peace, will be peace, where there is

Bass light in the soul there will be peace, where there is *p*

40 *mp* *p*

Ten there will be peace, there will be peace,

Bar light, there will be peace, there will be peace, *mp* *p*

Bass light, there will be peace, there will be peace, *mp* *p*

6

44

pp *poco rit.*

Ten
there will be peace. there will be peace.

pp *poco rit.*

Bar
there will be peace in the world, there will be peace.

pp *poco rit.*

Bass
there will be peace.

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