

Dedicated to my friends at the Butler Showchoir Showcase,
Butler Community College, El Dorado, Kansas,
Valerie Lippoldt Mack, Director.
This TTBB arrangement for The Indianapolis Men's Chorus' 15th Anniversary,
Kevin Butler, Director.

WHY WE SING

for TTBB voices, accompanied*

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Simply, with feeling ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 63$)

8^{va}

ACCOMP. *pp*

3 (8^{va})

p

7 *poco rit.* SOLO or a few voices *p* 10 *a tempo*

A sound of hope,—

poco rit. 10 *a tempo*

F

Performance time: approx. 3:33

*Available: SATB (A 2239); SSAA (B 0631); TTBB (C 0339); SAB (D 0670); 2-Part (E 0538);
StudioTrax CD (CD0261); Parts for Fl., Ob., Cl., A. Sax., T. Sax., 2 Hns., 2 Tpts., 2 Tbns., Perc.,
Hp., Master Rhythm, 2 Vlms., Vla., Vc., Db. (LB0431).

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a sound of peace, _ a sound that cel - e - brates and

Gm7 F/A B^b F/C

15

speaks what we be - lieve... A sound of love, _

Gm7 F^{sus}/C C/B^b F/A

Love In

19

a sound so strong. It's a - maz - ing what is giv-

B^b F/C Dm⁷ B^b2

23 (Solo) *poco rit.* T. I, II **26** *a tempo*
 End solo *mp*
 en when we share a song. — This is why we
 Bar., Bass *mp*

23 *poco rit.* **26** *a tempo*
 F²/A F/B^b Gm/B^b F^{sus}/C F/A F Gm⁹
mp

27
 sing, why we lift our voice, why we stand as

27 Csus C⁷ F^{sus}(2) F C/D Dm⁷ F^{sus}/G

31 **34**
 one in har - mo - ny. — This is why we

31 **34**
 F^{sus}/C F Gm⁷ F²/A F/A Dm⁷ Gm⁹

35

sing, why we lift our voice. Take my hand and

35 Csus C7 Fsus(2) F C/D Dm7 Fsus/G

39

sing with me. Soothe a soul, —

mp **42** *mp*

39 Fsus/C Fsus F **42** F

43

mend a heart, — bring to - geth-er lives that

— mend a heart, — er

43 Gm7 F/A B^b F/C

47

have been torn a - part. — Share the joy, —

47 B^b/D Gm⁷ C F^{sus}/B^b F/A

51

— find a friend. — It's a nev - er - end - ing gift. —

51 F^{sus}/B^b F/A F^{sus}/B^b C^{sus}/A

55 *poco rit.* 58 *a tempo*
mf

— that cir - cles back a - gain. This is why we

55 C^{sus}/B^b F/C C⁷_{sus} C⁷ *poco rit.* F/A F 58 Gm⁹ *a tempo*
mf

59

sing, — why we lift — our voice, — why we stand as

59 Csus C7 Fsus F Dm9 Dm7 Gm7

63

one in har - mo - ny. This is why we

har - mo - ny. —

63 Bb/C F2 F C/D F/A F 66 Gm9

67

sing, — why we lift — our voice. — Take my hand and

67 Csus C7 Fsus F C/D C7 Gm7 Gm9

74 stronger and building
unis. throughout

71 sing with me. Mu-sic builds a bridge,

unis.

74 stronger and building
throughout

71 Csus Fsus/C Fsus F F/C Fsus F/A Fsus/G

unis.

75 it can tear down a wall. Mu-sic is a lan-

unis.

75 F/A Bb F/A F Fsus/G

molto rit.

f

79 - guage that can speak to one and all! This is

f

molto rit.

f

79 F/A Dsus D7 G/B Em7

82 *a tempo*
DESCANT (mixed voices)

This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,

82 *a tempo*
T. I
T. II
Bar.
Bass

82 *a tempo*
Am⁹ Dsus D⁷ Gsus⁽²⁾ G D/E Em⁷

86

why we stand in, stand in har - mo - ny. —

86

why we stand as one in har - mo - ny. This is
har - mo - ny. —

86

why we stand as one in har - mo - ny. This is

86 Am⁷ C/D G² G D/E G/B G

90

This is why we sing, why we lift our voice.

90

why we sing, why we lift our voice.

90 Am⁹ Csus C⁷ Gsus(2) G D/E Em⁷

94

Take my hand and sing with me.

94

Take my hand and sing with me.

94 Am⁷ Em/A Dsus D D/E E D/E E

98 *cresc. al fine*
 This is

98 *cresc. al fine*
 This is why we sing!

98 *cresc. al fine*

98 Am⁷ Am⁷/B Am⁷/C Dsus D Gsus/D G *cresc. al fine*

102 *molto rit. ff*
 why, This is why we sing! _____

102 *molto rit. ff*
 We sing! We sing! _____

102 C/G G C/G G *molto rit. ff*