

Take This Gift

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SSA, piano, and hand drum

Difficulty level ● ● ○ ○

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in memory of Dr James D. Ator (1938–2022)

Take This Gift

Tracy Wong (b. 1983) and
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TRACY WONG

Joyfully ♩ = 120

DRUM*

SOPRANO 1

SOPRANO 2

ALTO

PIANO

My feet are root-ed to the ground *oh*

My feet are root-ed to the ground *oh*

My feet are root-ed to the ground *oh*

mp

*The drum part may be performed by cajón, djembe, or any similar hand percussion instrument. Drum patterns have been notated, but percussionists are encouraged to add embellishments or to improvise around them.

The work features a particular light-hearted vocal play motif—‘la la li la lay’—that is usually heard in ‘Canggung’, a Malay folk song. In this piece the ‘la la li la lay’ is often sung as ‘l-la la l-la la li la lay’, wherein the first ‘l’ in ‘l-la’ is a sung consonant. A demonstration of this may be found on the rehearsal/learning tracks available from the composer’s website <www.tracywongmusic.com>.

Duration: 3 mins

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l - la la l - la la li la lay ah

l - la la l - la la li la lay My voice is soar-ing in the skies

l - la la l - la la li la lay My voice is soar-ing in the skies

7

l - la la l - la la li la I am

l - la la l - la la li la I am

l - la la l - la la li la I am

4

10

tied _____ to the past, _____ beau-ti - ful - ly tan - gled_ with you_

tied _____ to the past, _____ beau-ti - ful - ly tan - gled_ with you_

tied _____ to the past, _____ beau-ti - ful - ly tan - gled_ with you_

mf

13

— Hand in hand we look to the

— Hand in hand we look to the,

— Hand in hand we look to the

16

stars, to the stars. Here, take this gift It's not

to the stars. Here, take this gift It's not

stars. Here, take this gift It's not

mine to keep. Here, take this gift Share it

mine to keep. Here, take this gift Share it

mine to keep. Here, take this gift Share it

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mine to keep. Here, take this gift Share it

mine to keep. Here, take this gift Share it

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mine to keep. Here, take this gift Share it

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far so all... may know, - Let our love_ for sing - ing grow._

far so all... may know, - Let our love_ for sing - ing grow._

far so all... may know, - Let our love_ for sing - ing grow._

27

p

la la... li la lay

p

31

p *cresc.*
la la__ li la lay la la__ li la

p *cresc.*
la la__ li la__ lay la la__ li la__ lay la la__ li la__

cresc.
la la__ li la lay la la__ li la lay la la__ li la

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DRUM

mf

S. 1 *mf*
lay la la__ li la lay My feet are root-ed to the ground oh

S. 2 *mf*
lay la la__ li la__ lay My feet are root-ed to the ground oh

A. *mf*
lay la la__ li la lay My feet are root-ed to the ground oh

mf

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l - la la l - la la li la lay ah

l - la la l - la la li la lay My voice is soaring in the skies

l - la la l - la la li la lay My voice is soaring in the skies

42

l - la la l - la la li la I am

l - la la l - la la li la I am

l - la la l - la la li la I am

45

tied to the past, beau-ti-ful-ly tan-gled with you.

tied to the past, beau-ti-ful-ly tan-gled with you.

tied to the past, beau-ti-ful-ly tan-gled with you.

48

Hand in hand we look to the

Hand in hand we look to the,

Hand in hand we look to the

10

51 *drum solo (improvised)*

stars, to the stars. _

to the stars. _

stars. _

mf

p

55

We are branch-es, in - ter - twined.

In - de-pend-ent, in - ter - twined.

lay la la_ li la_ lay la la_ li la_ lay la la_ li la_

p

p

p

59

mp

mp

We are sun - light _____ Spread-ing warmth, daz - zling bright. _____

mp

ah _____ Spread-ing warmth, daz - zling bright.

mp

lay la la - li la - lay la la - li la Spread-ing warmth, daz - zling bright.

mp

63

f

f

Here, take this gift It's not mine to keep. _____

f

la la - li la - lay la la - li la - lay la la - li la - lay oh _____

f

la la - li la - lay la la - li la - lay la la - li la - lay oh _____

f

12

67

Here, take this gift Share it far so all may know,
 la la li la lay Share it far so all may know,
 la la li la lay Share it far so all may know,

70

Let our love for sing - ing grow.
 Let our love for sing - ing grow.
 Let our love for sing - ing grow.

74

clap on beats 2 and 4 until bar 91

Here, take this gift It's not mine to keep.

clap on beats 2 and 4 until bar 91

la la li la lay la la li la lay la la li la lay oh

clap on beats 2 and 4 until bar 91

la la li la lay la la li la lay la la li la lay oh

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Here, take this gift Share it far so all may know,

la la li la lay Share it far so all may know,

la la li la lay Share it far so all may know,

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81

Let our love_ for sing - ing grow.

Let our love_ for sing - ing grow.

Let our love_ for sing - ing grow.

84

ff *sub. p*
We are branch-es,

ff *sub. p*
We are branch-es,

ff *p*
In - de - pend - ent,

87

mp *mf cresc.*

mp *mf cresc.*

mp *mf cresc.*

mp *mf cresc.*

mp *mf cresc.*

we are branch-es, Let our love for

we are branch-es, Let our love for

in - ter - twined, Let our love for

mp *mf*

90

f *f* *ff*

(clapping ends) *f* *ff*

(clapping ends) *f* *ff*

(clapping ends) *f* *ff*

f

sing - ing grow!

sing - ing grow!

sing - ing grow!