



Commissioned by Kyle Weary and dedicated to the South Middleton School District Choirs

We are the Voices

Music & Text by Amy Gordon

Instrumentation: SA Chorus, Piano, & Bongo Drums (Opt.)

Duration: 3 Minutes

We are the Voices, commissioned by Kyle Weary and dedicated to the South Middleton School District Choirs, is an anthemic text that calls upon both the singer and the listener to sing: for ourselves, for those who have passed, and for the future we would like to create. This piece is full of rhythmic drive in the piano, creating an exciting bed for the singers.

This piece is also designed to use limited pitch and rhythmic materials in order to build singer confidence and solidify learned concepts. The melody only uses Major Pentascale (do-re-mi-fa-sol) and simple rhythms in simple meters (whole, dotted half, half, quarter, & paired eighth Notes, as well as whole, half, and quarter Rests).

A Guitar may accompany the Piano using the provided chord symbols. An optional Bongo Drum part has also been included and may be used or omitted as desired.

This piece is suitable for any Treble Choir looking for an accessible setting and anthemic text.

Text

We are the voices of the present,
Singing to make our stories heard.
Some you may know, other may be new so
Listen to our voices.

We think of voices of yesterday,
longing to have their stories heard.
Some you may know, others you may not so
Listen to their voices.

We are the voices of the future,
Inviting you to join and sing!
Bringing the change we would like to see so
sing with our voices.

About the composer: Amy Gordon is an active composer, arranger, songwriter, and vocalist based in Los Angeles, CA. As a choral composer, she has worked with and been commissioned by numerous choirs, including being the composer-in-residence for Nova Vocal Ensemble. She has also scored numerous films and webcasts. She has a BA in Composition from Loyola Marymount University and an MM in Composition from California State University, Long Beach.

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With Momentum ♩ = 92

Bongo Drums

mf

D Am7/C E7sus D D7

mp with a groove

Pedal lightly

Sopranos & Altos in unison
mf Confidently

4

S/A

We are the voic-es of the pres - ent,

Bgo. Dr.

4

Am7 Bbma7 D Am7/C E7sus

continue groove-feel

7

S/A

7

Bgo. Dr.

7

Pno.

7

D D7 Am7 B \flat ma7 Em7 A9

sing - ing to make our sto - ries heard. Some you may know,

10

S/A

10

Bgo. Dr.

10

Pno.

10

D Gma7 Em7 Gma7 A7sus

oth - ers may be new, so list - en to our

f *mf*

f

sub. p *f*

13

S/A

voic - es.

Bgo. Dr.

mp

Pno.

mp

D Am7/C E7sus D D7

16

S

A *mf*

We are the voic-es of the pres - ent,

A

mf

We are the voic - es,

Bgo. Dr.

mf

Pno.

mf

Am7 Bbma7 D Am7/C E7sus

19

S
sing - ing to make our sto - ries heard. Some you may know,

A
sing - ing our sto - ries. Some you may know,

Bgo. Dr.

Pno.

19

D D7 Am7 Bbma7 Em7 A9

22

S
oth - ers may be new, so list - en to our

A
oth - ers may be new, list - en to our

Bgo. Dr.

Pno.

22

D Gma7 Em7 Gma7 A7sus

sub. p *f* *poco rit.*

32

S

ooh

A

Some you may know, oth - ers may be not so list - en

Pno.

A7 G A7 G F#m7

35

S

mp

to their voic - es.

A

mp

to their voic - es.

Pno.

Gadd9 A

mp

8va-----

38

D (8va)- loco Am7/C E7sus loco

poco a poco cresc. e accel.

8va-----

C With Momentum ♩ = 92

f Confidently

41
S
We are the voic - es of the fut - ure, in -

A
We are the voic - es of the fut - ure, in -

Bgo. Dr.
f

Pno.
41 A 7sus D Am7/C E 7sus
f same groove-feel as opening

44
S
vit - ing you to join and sing! bring-ing the change

A
vit - ing you to join and sing! bring-ing the change

Bgo. Dr.
44

Pno.
44 D D7 Am7 B♭ma7 Em7 A9

S 47 *p* *mp*
 we would like to see, so sing _____ sing _____

A *p* *mp*
 we would like to see, sing _____ sing _____

Bgo. Dr. 47
sub. p poco a poco cresc. e accel.

Pno. 47 D Gma7 Em7 Fma7
sub. p poco a poco cresc.

S 50 *mf* *f*
 sing _____ sing _____ with our

A *mf* *f*
 sing _____ sing _____ with our

Bgo. Dr. 50 *f*

Pno. 50 D/F# Gma7 A7sus *f*

53 *a tempo*

S
voic - es!

A
voic - es!

Bgo. Dr.

53 *a tempo*

Pno.

D C D

8^{vb}

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for a piece titled 'We are the Voices' on page 11. It begins at measure 53, marked 'a tempo'. The Soprano (S) and Alto (A) parts both sing 'voic - es!'. The Bongo/Drum (Bgo. Dr.) part features a rhythmic pattern with accents on the notes. The Piano (Pno.) part has a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody includes a phrase marked with a 'D' chord, followed by a 'C' chord, and then another 'D' chord. The piano part ends with a dynamic marking of 8vb.