

I dream a world where man  
No other man will scorn,  
When love will bless the earth  
And peace will prosper ad  
I dream a world where a  
I know sweet freedom's way  
When need no longer  
Nor avarice blights our day.  
world I dream where black or white,  
may never cease you be,  
will share in bounty of the earth  
And ever true and true  
Where wealth and poverty  
And joy, like pearls,  
Attends the needs of all mankind-  
Of such I dream, my world!

# I Dream A World

text by

Langston Hughes

music by

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## About the composer

Nancy Hill Cobb retired in 2019 from a 44-year career as a university administrator and professor of composition and conducting. Cobb's published choral compositions have been performed throughout the United States and world-wide, including in Denmark, New Zealand, Japan, France, and Germany. Her choral/orchestral work *Threnody* won the honor of Special Distinction in the 1999 ASCAP Rudolph Nissim Orchestral Competition. In July 2021, her full-length musical entitled *The Suffragist* (book and lyrics by Cavan Hallman) premiered at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center in Cedar Falls, Iowa. *The Suffragist* highlights the dramatic stories of the last ten years of the suffrage fight in the United States (1910-1920) and the women who risked everything for the fight. Her orchestral commission, *Shades and Illumination*, was premiered by Orchestra Iowa in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in May 2023 as a part of their Centennial Celebration.

## Commissioning ensemble

Commissioned in celebration of its 65th Anniversary by the Metropolitan Chorale, Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Iowa,  
Amy Kotsonis, Director

## Ranges

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*p* = 72

S  
A  
T  
B

*p* I dream.  
*p* I dream  
*p* I dream  
*p* I dream

Piano  
*pp*

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I dream  
I dream I  
I dream  
I dream

*Red.* \* *Red.* \*

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I dream \_\_\_\_\_ I dream a world where man no oth-er

dream \_\_\_\_\_ I dream a world where man No oth-er

I dream \_\_\_\_\_ I dream a world where man No oth-er

I dream \_\_\_\_\_ I dream a world where man No oth-er

*Ped.* \*

man will scorn, I dream a world.

man will scorn, I dream a world, *pp*

man will scorn, I dream a world, *pp*

man will scorn, I dream a world, *pp*

man will scorn, I dream a world, *pp*

man will scorn, I dream a world, *pp*

man will scorn, I dream a world, *pp*

man will scorn, I dream a world, *pp*

*p* *rit.* *a tempo* *pp*

*Ped.* \*

13 *mp*

I dream a world where man No oth-er man\_ will\_

I dream a world, — I dream a world, I dream a world, —

I dream a world, — I dream a world, I dream a world, —

I dream a world, — I dream a world, I dream a world, —

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scorn, Where love will bless the

I dream a world, I dream a world, — I dream a world,

I dream a world, I dream a world, — I dream a world,

I dream a world, I dream a world, — I dream a world,

*p* *mp* *pp*

**PREVIEW**

19 *mf*  
 world and peace its paths will a - dorn.  
*p*  
 I dream a world, I dream a world,  
*p*  
 I dream a world, I dream a world,  
*p*  
 I dream a world, I dream a world,
*p*

21 *p*  
 I dream a world, I dream a world, I dream a world,  
 I dream a world, I dream a world, I dream a world,  
*mf*  
 I dream a world, I dream a world, I dream a world,  
 I dream a world where all will know sweet  
*p*

PREVIEW

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I dream a world, I dream a world, I dream a world,  
 I dream a world, I dream a world, I dream a world,  
 I dream a world, I dream a world, I dream a world,  
 free - dom's way, Where Greed no long-er saps the

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I dream a world, I dream a world I dream a  
 I dream a world, I dream a world I dream a  
 I dream a world, I dream a world I dream a  
 soul nor av - a-ric e blights our day.

*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*f*

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*f*

world. A world I dream where

world. A world I dream where

world. A world I dream where

A world I dream where

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black or white what-ev-er race you be Will share the boun-ties of the earth, Will

black or white what-ev-er race you be Will share the boun-ties of the earth, Will

black or white what-ev-er race you be Will share the boun-ties of the

black or white what-ev-er race you be Will share the boun-ties of the



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share the boun-ties of the earth, Will share And

share the boun-ties of the earth, Will share And

earth Will share the boun-ties of the earth Will share And

earth Will share the boun-ties of the earth Will share And

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ev' - ry man is free. Where *p*

ev' - ry man is free. Where *ff* *p*

ev' - ry man is free. Where *ff* *p*

ev' - ry man is free. Where *ff* *p*

ev' - ry man is free. Where

38 *mf*

wretch - ed - ness will hang its head. And joy

wretch - ed - ness will hang its head. And joy, *mf*

wretch - ed - ness will hang its head. And joy, *mf*

wretch - ed - ness will hang its head. And joy, *mf*

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and joy, like a pearl, at - tends the needs of all man-kind, at -

and joy, like a pearl, at - tends the needs of all man-kind, at -

and joy, like a pearl, at - tends the needs of all man-kind, at -

and joy, like a pearl, at - tends all man-kind, at -

poco rit.

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tends the needs of all man-kind Of such I dream, my

tends the needs of all man-kind Of such I dream, my

tends the needs of all man-kind Of such I dream, my

tends Of such I dream, my

poco rit.

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a tempo

*f* *mf*

world. I dream a world where love will bless the earth.

world I dream a world where love will bless the earth.

world. I dream a world where love will bless the earth.

world. I dream a world where love will bless the earth.

a tempo

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The image shows a musical score for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in the key of B-flat major, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The score then transitions to a vocal section starting at measure 52, marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "I dream a world where peace its paths a-dorn. And joy at-tends all man -". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal line consists of eighth notes with accents. A large, diagonal watermark reading "PREVIEW" is overlaid across the center of the page.

55 rit.

kind. Of such, I dream, my

kind Of such, I dream, my

8 kind Of such, I dream, my

kind Of such, I dream, my

rit.

58 a tempo

world! I dream my world!

world! I dream my world!

8 world! I dream my world!

world! I dream my world!

a tempo

ff mf

61

I dream my

I dream my

I dream my

I dream my

63

*ff* world!

*ff* world!

*ff* world!

*ff* world!

world!

rit.

