

The Gift To Sing

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About the composer

Coleman Peterson (b. 1997) is a South-Dakota-based composer, lyricist, and educator. A recent graduate of Augustana University with degrees in music, theatre, and elementary education, he enjoys writing, teaching, and creating for an extensive number of genres. Through all his creations, he enjoys representing both himself and his generation through language, time, and sound.

The Gift to Sing
James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Sometimes the mist overhangs my path, And blackening clouds about me cling; But, oh, I have a magic way To turn the gloom to cheerful day— I softly sing.

And if the way grows darker still,
Shadowed by Sorrow's somber wing,
With glad defiance in my throat,
I pierce the darkness with a note,
And sing, and sing.

I brood not over the broken past,
Nor dread whatever time may bring;
No nights are dark, no days are long,
While in my heart there swells a song,
And I can sing.

Ranges





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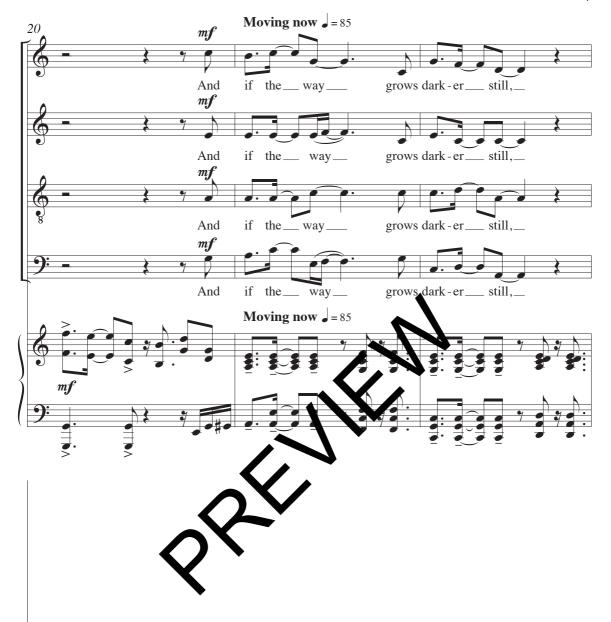
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