

Stand Up NOW

Lyrics by
Sean Barnette and Tobias Deggans

Music by

Gerrard Winstanley

Arranged by

Sean Barnette





About the arranger

Sean Barnette (b. 2003) is a Florida-based composer and arranger, and is currently in his undergraduate studies at the Florida State University College of Music, where he is majoring in Choral Music Education. Sean is an emerging talent, and his compositions are influenced by his love for contemporary musical genres, like rock and musical theatre, combined with his choral experiences to create an invigorating and fresh musical experience for a new generation. Sean is also the founder of the Harmonies for Health project, a series of charity concerts to raise money for the



Children's Cancer Center in Tampa, FL. Inspired by his own battle with cancer, Sean believes in the transformative nature of music, and hopes to inspire audiences through his compositions, as well as entertain and spread the joy of singing.

About the work

Stand Up Now is based on "The Diggers' Song", a 17th-century English protest song by Gerrard Winstanley, originally inspired by the Diggers Movement's fight for land rights and equality in England. This arrangement breathes new life into the original text, with more contemporary themes for modern audiences. The lyrics echo a resounding call for resilience and unity within our community, urging us not only to strengthen ourselves but also to extend support and solidarity to others facing challenges. Beneath the robust harmonies, the rhythmic cadence of a military field drummer intertwines with a funky cowbell groove--traditionally associated with contemporary funk and pop music. This infusion creates a dance-like quality that is sure to get your choir moving and the audience grooving in their seats. Special thanks to Tobias Deggans for his insight and collaboration on this text.

Text

You noble workers all stand up now, stand up now, You noble workers all, stand up now, The power of your trade; often slandered and defamed, Your struggle sparks the flame, in spite of fear untamed, Stand up now, stand up now.

The rigging they pull down stand up now, stand up now, The rigging they pull down, stand up now, The rigging they pull down to keep you on the ground, But the vessel will rebound, when the people's strength is found. Stand up now, sailors all.

With spades and hoes and plows stand up now, stand up now, With spades and hoes and plows, stand up now, Your harvest to uphold, confront them do not fold, Oppose the frigid cold; resist, defend, stay bold. Stand up now, farmers all.

Stand up, stand up now!

Against the hate and fear, stand up now, stand up now, Against the hate and fear, stand up now, They strive to keep you down, to leash you like a hound, They fail when we are found, all people gathered 'round, Stand up now, workers all.

Ranges





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