

I BELIEVE IN A SEED, Gray  
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**Two-Part**  
piano

# I Believe in a Seed

by  
Cynthia Gray



**Robyn Lana**  
Choral Series

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## About the composer

Cynthia Gray is a composer and music educator. Over the course of her thirty-year career in the public schools Cynthia has taught high school, junior high and elementary choral music. That rich experience has always informed her writing.

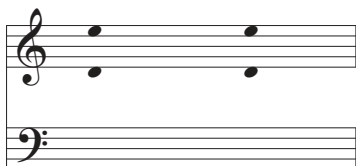


Cynthia's career in composition grew from the need for appropriate choral music for her own students. Her first compositions, "The Clouds" and "Reach Out" were met with immediate success, finding their way onto choral contest lists and inclusion in the nationally televised MENC "World's Largest Concert". Since that time, Mrs. Gray has written and published over 70 choral compositions, which have been sung and enjoyed by choirs across the country.

Mrs. Gray has served as guest conductor and clinician at numerous choral festivals, music conferences and workshops and has been honored to write commissioned works for many school choirs, children's choirs and honor choirs. She has proudly served as the artistic director of the Cincinnati Youth Choir Satellite Choir program, where she conducted and coordinated multiple Satellite choirs. When not composing Mrs. Gray enjoys directing two adult community choruses in her area, as well as conducting and accompanying local church choirs.

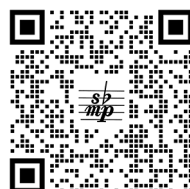
Professional affiliations include four years on the executive board of the Ohio Choral Directors Association and membership in the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association for Music Education and the Ohio Music Education Association.

## Ranges



Part 1

Part 2



recording and rehearsal tracks available at  
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Commissioned by the 2024 Cincinnati Youth Choir Singabration Festival and written in honor of CYC Founder and Artistic Director Robyn Lana, who lovingly planted and nurtured a "seed" 32 years ago, which would become a "garden of love, joy and harmony"...the Cincinnati Youth Choir.

# I Believe in a Seed

Text inspired by a quote by Henry David Thoreau – alt.

Cynthia Gray

With sincere confidence ♩ = 76

Piano

The first system of music features a piano accompaniment in the left hand and a vocal line in the right hand. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76. The piano part begins with a *p* dynamic. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes.

The second system continues the piano accompaniment and vocal line. The piano part features chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal line continues with eighth and quarter notes.

The third system is labeled "Part 2" and begins with a *mp* dynamic. It includes the following lyrics: "I do not be-lie a plant will spring up where no seed was". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a single note in the left hand.

The fourth system is labeled "Part 1" and includes the following lyrics: "sown, where no seed was sown. I do not be-lieve a". The piano accompaniment continues with chords in the right hand and a single note in the left hand.

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world of love and har-mo-ny will grow where no seed was sown.

Parts 1 & 2, unis.

15 *mf*

But I be-lieve in a seed! I have great faith in a

18

seed. Con-vince me there's a seed there and I'll have

21 *p*

great faith in that seed.

24 *mp*

1 I do not be - lieve a plant will spring up

2 *mp*  
I do not be - lieve a plant will spring up where no seed was

26

where no seed was sown, where no seed was sown. I do not be-lieve a

sown, where no seed sown. I do not be -

*mp*

29

world of love and har - mo - ny will grow where no

lieve a world of love and har - mo - ny will grow where no

31

*mf*

seed was sown. But I be-lieve in a seed! I have

seed was sown. I be-lieve in a

*mf*

34

great faith in a seed. Con-vince me there's a

seed!

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37

*poco rit.*

seed there and I'll have great faith in that

Show me there's a seed and I'll have great faith in that

*p*

Slightly faster, with eager anticipation ♩ = 80

39

*p*

seed.

*p*

seed.

*mp*

Con -

41

vince me that you have a seed there,

*mp*

43

*mf*

Then

*mf*

plant - ed with love and care, then

45

I'm pre - pared to see great won - ders

I'm pre - pared to see great won - ders

*mf*

47

blos - som - ing ev' - ry - where

blos - som - ing ev' - ry - where.

49

*f*

Fields of flow - ers far and wide!

*f*

Fields of flow - ers far and wide!

*f*



**poco rit.**

51 *sub. p*

Child-ren's voic - es sing! Love and joy and mu - sic fill the

*sub. p*

Child-ren's voic - es sing and sing! Oh

*sub. p*

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I be-lieve in a seed! I do not be-lieve a

sown, where no seed was sown. I do not be-

58

world of love and har - mo - ny will grow where no  
 lieve a world of love and har - mo - ny will grow where no

60

seed was sown. But I be-lieve in a seed! I have  
 seed was sown. I be-lieve in a

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63 *rit.*

great faith in a seed. Con-vince me there's a  
 seed!

66 **molto rit.**  
*mp*

seed there I'll have great faith. I'll have

Show me there's a seed. I'll have great faith. I'll have

*mp*

68 **molto rit.**  
*mp*

great faith! I'll have great faith in that seed.

great faith! I'll have great faith that seed.

*p*

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71 **molto rit.**

Just one seed...

Just one seed...

## I Believe in a Seed

by Cynthia Gray  
(based on a quote by Henry David Thoreau)

I do not believe a plant will spring up where no seed was sown, where no seed was sown.

I do not believe a world of love and harmony will grow where no seed was sown.

But I believe in a seed! I have great faith in a seed.

Convince me there's a seed there and I'll have great faith in that seed.

Convince me that you have a seed there, planted with love and care,  
then I'm prepared to see great wonders blossoming ev'rywhere.

Fields of flowers far and wide! Children's voices sing!

Love and joy and music fill the sky!

I do not believe a plant will spring up where no seed was sown, where no seed was sown.

I do not believe a world of love and harmony will grow where no seed was sown.

But I believe in a seed! I have great faith in a seed.

Convince me there's a seed there.

I'll have great faith. I'll have great faith! I'll have great faith in that seed.

Just one seed...

Quote by Henry David Thoreau (July 12, 1817 – May 6, 1862)

*"Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect great wonders."*



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