

WHEN I LOOK UP TO THE STARS, Darowish
SBMP1901

SAB
piano, percussion



Words and Music by
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About the composer

Beth Darowish [b.1983] is a choral composer, singer and K-12 certified music educator based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Her music is known for strong melodic writing, expressive vocal lines, and thoughtfully written texts inspired by nature, family, and personal experience. She has served as a guest conductor for choral festivals in New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Darowish earned a Bachelor of Music Education from Mansfield University and a Masters of Music education from Boston University. She was accepted as a featured artist for the 2025 International Choral Composers Institute, studying under Jocelyn Hagen.



Composer notes

This piece was inspired by imagining a world without war, a world in which children from every country can look up at the same stars and feel connected through their shared sense of wonder. By taking the time to seek out that wonder, we can find hope for peace in our world. I hope this piece inspires singers to be a voice of peace for our future.

When I Look Up to the Stars is written for SAB choir with optional percussion and descant parts. The descant may be sung by a small group, and sopranos not singing the descant should follow the alto line at the split. The percussion part should support and not overpower the voices. Singers should use musically appropriate phrasing and observe the rests carefully, while maintaining a smooth, connected sound rather than a choppy one.

When I Look Up To The Stars

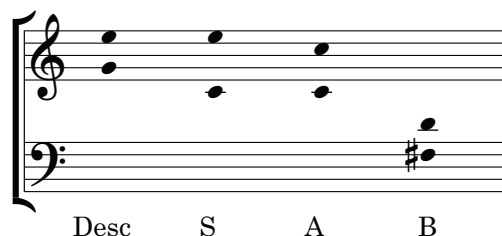
When I look up to the stars, shining brightly.
A sea of diamonds soft with light, luminous constellations.
I wonder who across the world can see the stars I see.
I wonder, who has dreams of peace, stars sing of who I'll be.
I can feel my feet on the ground, and the world spins 'round.

Though I don't know your name, and we speak different languages,
Our differences are small, our goal is all the same;
To live in peace, yes, carry the flame!

When we look up to the stars, we send a wish of peace with ev'ry light.
The storms of war may cease for the children of the world.
I can't believe how small I feel, when gazing at the wonder
Of children laughing, dreaming free, in the stars connect with me!
I can feel my feet on the ground, and the world spins round.

When I look up to the stars!

Ranges



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For the children of the world living in war – may music bring you peace and unity.

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♩ = 100

Piano *mf*

mp **A**

S When I look up to the stars,

A When I look up to the stars,

B When I look up to the stars,

mp



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7 *f*

shin - ing bright - ly. A sea of dia - monds soft_ with_ light, —

f

shin - ing bright - ly. A sea of

f

shin - ing bright - ly.

f

10 *mf*

— lu - mi - nous — con - stel - la - tions. I

mf

dia - monds_ soft_ with_ light, lu - mi - nous — con - stel - la - tions. I

mf

lu - mi - nous con - stel - la - tions. I

f

13

won - der who a - cross the world can see the stars I see. I

won - der who a - cross the world can see the stars I see. I

won - der who a - cross the world can see the stars I see. I

mf

17

won - der, who has dreams of peace, stars sing of who I'll

won - der, who has dreams of peace, stars sing of who I'll

won - der, who has dreams of peace, stars sing of who I'll

mf

20

be. I can feel my feet on the ground, and the

be. I can feel my feet on the ground, and the

be. I can feel my feet on the ground, and the

Small group descant *mp*

Ah *mf*

S world spins 'round. I don't know your name, and

A world spins 'round. Though I don't know your name, and

B world spins 'round. Ah

mf

23

C

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27

Ah Ah

we speak dif - f'rent lan - guag - es, Our dif - f'ren - ces are

we speak dif - f'rent lan - guag - es, Our dif - f'ren - ces are

Ah Ah

30 End descant

S small, our goal is all the same; to live in

A small, our goal is all the same; to live in

B — our goal is all the same; to live in

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peace, yes, car - ry the flame! When we

peace, yes, car - ry the flame! When we

peace, yes, car - ry the flame! When we

D

37

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40

ev - 'ry light. The storms of war may cease for the

ev - 'ry light. The storms of war may cease for the

ev - 'ry light. The storms of war may cease for the

43

chil - dren of the world. I can't be - lieve how

chil - dren of the world. I can't be - lieve how

chil - dren of the world. I can't be - lieve how

E

46

small I feel, when gaz - ing at the won - der of chil - dren laugh - ing,

50

dream - ing free, in the stars con - nect with me!

53

I can feel my feet on the ground, and the

I can feel my feet on the ground, and the

I can feel my feet on the ground, and the

56

world spins round. When I

world spins round.

world spins round.

59

mp

look up__ to__ the stars__ When I

mf *mp*

When I look up__ to__ the stars__ When I

mf

When I look up__ to__ the stars__

mf *mp*

62

sub. f

look up__ When I look up__ to__ the stars!__

sub. f

look up__ When I look up__ to__ the stars!__

sub. f

When I look up__ to__ the stars!__

8va

f

8va



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