

Hands Across the Universe

Let us all sing a simple song,
let us all sing a song;
a song of peace, a song of hope,
and a song of unity.

May our song of joy
reach across the universe;
may it touch upon the hearts
of people in the world.

May our hands and our voices
reach out to those who need it most,
may our song of peace be heard
by those who are not at peace.

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Joyfully ♩ = c. 96 *basses octave below treble* *mf*

S
A
B

Piano

Let us

5

all sing a simple song, let us all sing a

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S
A

song of u - ni - ty. Let us all sing a

B

song of u - ni - ty. Let us all sing a

sim-ple song, let us all sing a song; a

sim-ple song, let us all sing a song; a

song of peace, a song of hope, and a song of

song of peace, a song of hope, and a song of

u - ni - ty. u - ni - ty.

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mp May our song of joy —
mp May our song of joy —

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reach a-cross the u - ni-verse; may it touch up - on the
 reach a-cross the u - ni-verse; may it touch up - on the

hearts of people in the world.

hearts of people in the world.

The first system consists of two vocal staves (treble and bass clef) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The vocal lines are in unison, with lyrics "hearts of people in the world." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

33 ah ————— ah —————

mf May our song of joy ————— reach a - cross the

mf May our song of joy ————— reach a - cross the

The second system begins at measure 33. It includes vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The vocal lines have lyrics "May our song of joy ————— reach a - cross the" and "ah ————— ah —————". The piano accompaniment includes dynamic markings *mf* and *p*. A large red watermark "For Perusal Only" is overlaid across the center of the page.

u - ni - verse; may it touch up - on the hearts of

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The third system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal lines have lyrics "u - ni - verse; may it touch up - on the hearts of". The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns and chordal structures.

mf 41

peo - ple in the world. Let us all sing a

peo - ple in the world. Let us all sing a

mf

sim-ple song, let us all sing a song; a song of

sim-ple song, let us all sing a song a song of

mf

peace, a song of hope, and a song of u - ni -

peace, a song of hope, and a song of u - ni -

49

ty. Let us all sing a sim-ple song, let us

ty. Let us all sing a sim-ple song, let us

all sing a song; a song of peace, a

all sing a song; a song of peace, a

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song of hope, and a song of u - ni - ty.

song of hope, and a song of u - ni - ty.

mf

p 61

May our hands and our

p

May our hands and our

voic - es reach out to those who need it most, may our

voic - es reach out to those who need it most, may our

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song of peace be heard by those who are not

song of peace be heard by those who are not

69

mp

— at peace. May our hands and our voices reach

mp

— at peace. May our hands and our voices reach

cresc.

out to those who need it most, may our song of peace be

cresc.

out to those who need it most, may our song of peace be

cresc.

heard by those who are not at peace; not at

heard by those who are not at peace; not at

77

peace, at peace; not at peace, at
 peace, at peace; not at peace, at

mp *mp* *mp*

peace, peace, Let us
 peace, Let us

cresc. *cresc.* *mf* *mf*

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83

all sing a sim-ple song, let us all sing a
 all sing a sim-ple song, let us all sing a

mf

song; a song of peace, a song of hope, and a
 song; a song of peace, a song of hope, and a

91
 song of u - ni - ty. Let us all sing a
 song of u - ni - ty. Let us all sing a

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sim-ple song, let us all sing a song; a
 sim-ple song, let us all sing a song; a

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song of peace, a song of hope, and a song of

101

f rit.

u - ni - ty. A song of

f rit.

u - ty. A song of

f rit.

u - ni - ty.

u - ni - ty.