

PROGRAM NOTES

“We Belong” refers to the idea that all of humanity is interconnected, and that each of us is subject to one another. Sorrows and struggles are common human experiences that require our empathy and mutual support. In addition, recent events such as the pandemic have shown us that we are all interwoven more than we can ever imagine, and that the actions and circumstances of one person can have a ripple effect across the population. We also know that injustice and intolerance have wide ranging impacts, and each of us has a responsibility to stand up for and with others and to treat others with kindness and respect. If we stand side by side, remaining open to people whose lives are different from our own, the fabric of humanity becomes stronger and richer. If we put aside our differences and make caring for each other the focus and the goal, we all become a more vibrant community. Hopefully, the use of a Global Music feel helps to communicate all of these ideas in a language beyond words.

TEXT

We belong to one another,
Standing side by side,
Our hearts open wide,
For our faith is strong. We belong.

We are all one breath, we are all one song,
We are all one hope, we are all one voice.
We are all on breath in
unceasing spirit! We are one!

We belong to one another,
Marching hand in hand
All across this land.
Hope will be our song. We belong.

We are all one joy, we are all one triumph,
We are all one struggle, we are all one love.
Like the rain we will nurture
And sustain one another! We are one!

—Karen Marrolli

Parts for Shekere and Conga Drums available separately: 1.3679A

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We Belong

for Soprano and Tenor Soloists, SATB Chorus, and Percussion

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Spirited (♩ = 100)

mf

Soprano
Solo



Tenor
Solo



Shekere



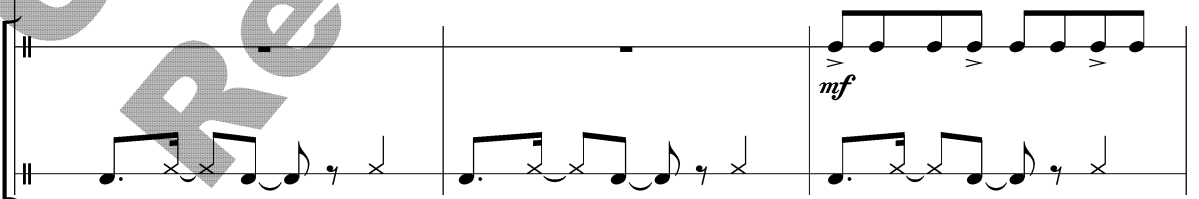
Conga
Drums [2]



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Tenor Solo *mf*



Drum Legend:

- = Bass tone
- ▲ = Dead stroke
- × = Slap

6

Sop. Solo

Ten. Solo

S

A

T

B

Shkr.

C. Drs.

long, we be - long to one an - oth - er.

long, we be - long to one an - oth - er.

mf

We be -

9

S

A

T

B

Shkr.

C. Drs.

long, we be - long, we be - long to one an -

mf

We be - long, we be - long to one an -

12 *mp*

oth-er. We be - long, we be - long, we be -

oth-er. We be - long, we be - long, we be -

mp

15 *mf* *mp* *mf* *f*

long to one an - oth-er, stand - ing side by side, our hearts

long to one an - oth-er, stand - ing side by side, our hearts

mf *mp* *mf* *f*

18 *mf* *mp* *mf*

o - pen wide, for our faith is strong. We be - long. We are

o - pen wide, for our faith is strong. We be - long. We are

mf *mp* *mf*

mf *mp* *mf*

21

all ___ one breath, all ___ one song, we are all ___ one hope,

all ___ one breath, we are all ___ one song, all ___ one hope, we are

24

Sop. Solo *mf*

Ten. Solo *mf*

We are all one breath ___ in un -

We are all one breath ___ in un -

S A

all ___ one voice. We are all ___ one breath,

T B

all ___ one voice. We are all ___ one breath, we are

Shkr.

C. Drs.

26

ceas - ing spir - it!

ceas - ing spir - it!

mf

all one song, we are all one hope, we are one! We be -

all one song, all one hope, we are one!

29

S
A

long, we be - long, we be - long to one an -

mf

T
B

We be - long, we be - long to one an -

Shkr.

C. Drs.

32 *mp*

oth - er. We be - long, we be - long, we be -

35 *mf* *mp* *mf* *f*

long to one an - oth - er, march - ing hand in hand all a -

38 *mf* *mp* *mf*

cross this land. Hope shall be our song. We be - long. We are

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41

all — one joy, all — one strug - gle, we are

all — one joy, we are all — one strug - gle,

43

Sop. Solo *mf* Like the

Ten. Solo *mf* Like the

S A *mp* all — one tri - umph, all — one love. We are

T B *mp* all — one tri - umph, we are all — one love. We are

Shkr.

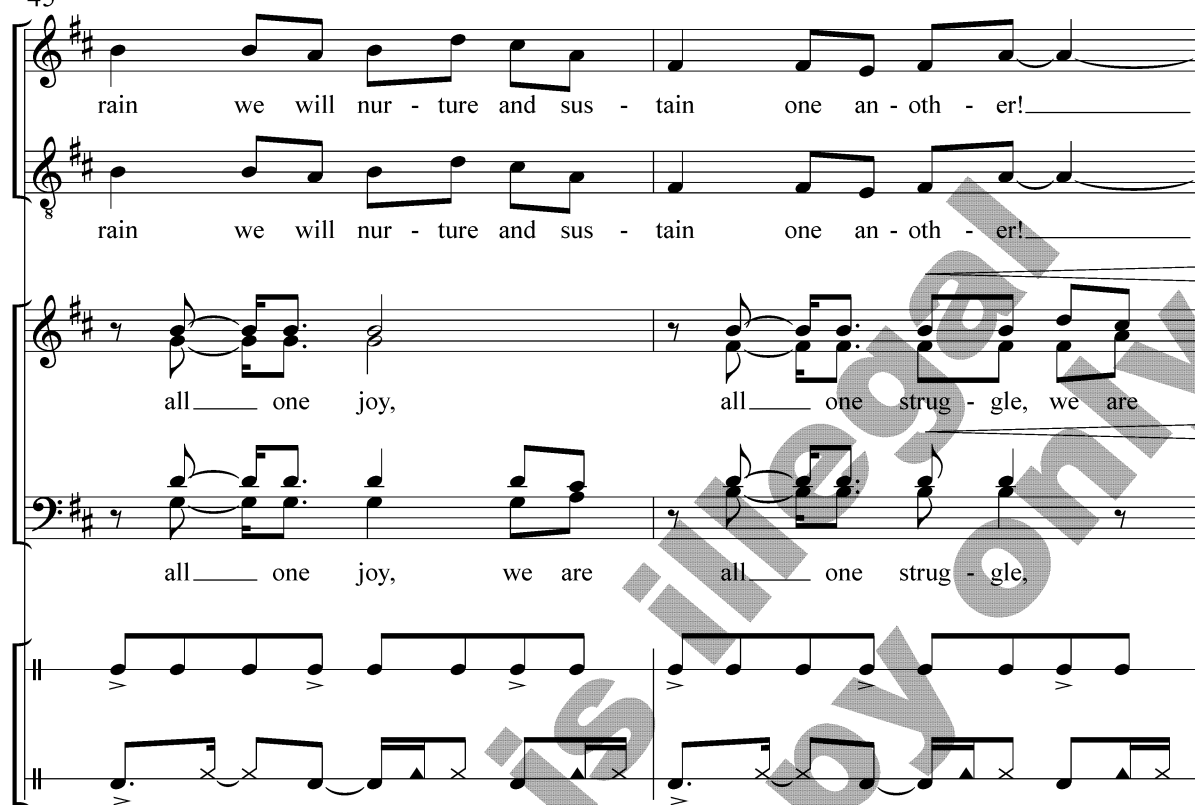
C. Drs.

rain we will nur - ture and sus - tain one an - oth - er! _____

rain we will nur - ture and sus - tain one an - oth - er! _____

all _____ one joy, all _____ one strug - gle, we are

all _____ one joy, we are all _____ one strug - gle,



The piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The music is in a major key with two sharps (F# and C#).

all _____ one tri - umph, we are one! We _____ be -

all _____ one tri - umph, we are one!

mf *f*



The piano accompaniment continues with two staves. The right hand features a melody with dynamic markings *mf* and *f*. The left hand continues with harmonic support. The music concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained note in the left hand.

49

long, we be - long, we be - long to one an -

f

We be - long, we be - long to one an -

52

mf

We be - long, we be - long, we be -

mp

oth - er. We be - long, we be - long, we be -

mf

oth - er. We be - long, we be - long, we be -

mf

55

f

long__ to one an - oth - er. We are all__ one breath,

f

We are all__ one breath,

mf

f

long__ to one an - oth - er. We__ be - long, we__ be -

mf

f

long to__ one an - oth - er. We be -

58

all__ one song, all__ one hope,

all__ one song, all__ one hope,

long, we be - long__ to one an -

long, we be - long to__ one an -

60

all ____ one voice, we are all ____ one joy,

all ____ one voice, we are all ____ one joy,

oth - er. We ____ be - long, we ____ be -

oth - er. We be - long, we be -

mf

mf

mf

mf

62

all ____ one strug - gle, all ____ one tri - umph,

all ____ one strug - gle, all ____ one tri - umph,

long, ____ we be - long ____ to one an -

long, we be - long to ____ one an -

f

f

f

f

64

all one love.

all one love.

oth - er, march - ing hand in hand all a -

oth - er, march - ing hand in hand all a -

66

S
A
T
B

cross this land. Hope shall be our song. We be -

cross this land. Hope shall be our song. We be -

Shkr.

C. Drs.

mf *mp* *mf* *mp*

68

f *mf*

long, stand - ing side by — side, our hearts o - pen wide, for our

f *mf*

long, stand - ing side by side, our hearts o - pen wide, for our

f *mf*

71

mp *f*

faith is — strong. We be - long. Hope shall be our — song. We be -

mp *f*

faith is strong. We be - long. Hope shall be our song. We be -

mf *f*

74

Sop. Solo *mp* We be -

Ten. Solo

S A *ff* *p sub., cresc. poco a poco*
long. Hope shall be our song. We be - long!

T B *ff* *p sub., cresc. poco a poco*
long. Hope shall be our song. We be - long!

Shkr. *ff* *p cresc. poco a poco*

C. Drs. *ff* *p cresc. poco a poco*

77

long, we be - long!

mf *ff*
We be - long!

(cresc.) *ff*

(cresc.) *ff*

(cresc.) *fff*

(cresc.) *fff*

