

We Wear the Mask

for SATB Chorus and Djembe

Paul Laurence Dunbar
(1872–1906)

Kenney Potter
(ASCAP)

$\text{♩} = 120$

Soprano
Alto

Djembe

$\text{♩} = 120$

mf

4 *unis. mf*

We wear the mask that grins, — and lies, —

p

7

It hides our cheeks and shades — our eyes, — This debt we pay to hum-

10

- an guile; — With torn and bleed - ing hearts — we smile, —

Text: “We Wear the Mask” from *Majors and Minors* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, 1895, *alt.* (PD).

13

S
A

And mouth with myr - iad sub - tle-ties.

p We wear the mask. We

T
B

p We wear the mask. We wear the mask.

Dje.

16

T
B

wear the mask. We wear the mask. We

We wear the mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

Dje.

18

S
A

Alto p

We wear the mask. We

wear the mask. We wear the mask We wear the mask.

T
B

We wear the mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

Dje.

20

(Alto)

wear the mask. We wear the mask. We

We wear the mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

T
B

We wear the mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

Dje.

22 (Alto) +Sop.
mf

wear the mask. Why should the world be o -

We wear the mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

24

- ver - wise, In count - ing all our tears -

We wear the mask we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

26

and sighs? Nay, let them on - ly see -

We wear the mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

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us, while _____ With torn and bleed - ing hearts_

We wear the mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

30

unis.

we smile, _____ And mouth with myr - iad sub -

We wear the mask, we wear the mask.

32

tle - ties. _____

We wear the mask. We We

We wear the mask. We wear the mask.

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wear the mask. We wear the mask. We wear the mask.

We wear the mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

36

wear the mask. We wear the mask. We smile, but, O God, our

We wear the mask, we wear the mask. O God, our

39

S
A
cries To thee from tor-tured souls a-

T
B
cries To thee from tor-tured souls a-

43

rise. We sing, but the clay is vile Be -

rise. We sing, but the clay is vile Be -

47

S
A

neath our feet, and long the mile; But let the world dream

T
B

neath our feet, and long the mile; But let the world dream

Dje.

f

f

f

51

oth - er - wise, let the world dream oth - er - wise,

oth - er - wise, let the world dream oth - er - wise,

p

p

55

We wear the mask.

We wear the mask.

We wear the mask.

We wear the mask.

ff

ff

mf

p

sfzp

59

mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask. We wear the

We wear the mask. We wear the mask.

61

mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask. We wear the

We wear the mask. We wear the mask.

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with strength

mask, we wear the mask. We wear the mask.

We wear the mask. We wear the mask.