

Dedicated to All Those Who Long for Peace

On the Common Ground

for Solo and SATB Chorus unaccompanied

Words and Music by Alice Parker
(ASCAP)

With a relaxed swing ♩ = 88

f

Solo
Help me, Lord, _ Help _ me, Lord. _

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

unis. f
Help me, Lord, _

unis. f

4
Help me find _ _ _ the com-mon ground _

help _ me, Lord, _ find the

7
mf
be-tween the high and the

com - mon ground, _ yes, the com - mon ground. _

10

(mf)

low, be-tween the poor and the rich, be-tween the

p

High and low, poor and rich,

p

13

old and the young, be-tween the black and the white.

div.

old and young, black and the white.

div.

17

mf

Find the com - mon ground _____

unis. f *mf* *mp*

Help me find _____ the com-mon ground, _ the com - mon ground, _ yes, the

unis. f *mf* *mp*

20

— be-tween the shout-ing and the si-lence, be-tween the

com - mon ground. Shout-ing, si-lence,

23

bound and the free, be-tween the grief and the joy, — be-tween the

bound, free, grief, joy, —

27

heart and the mind.

heart, and the mind. O - pen us, Lord, —

Help — me, Lord. — O -

31

f

Lord, ___ guide us to that meet-ing place. _

O - pen us, Lord, _ Guide us! Lord, ___

- pen us, Lord. _ Guide us! Lord, ___

34

mf

Guide us! where we can see ___ each oth-er,

guide us to that meet-ing place. _ See ___ each oth-er,

unis. mp

unis. mp

37

hear ___ each oth-er, care for each oth-er. Where we can

hear ___ each oth-er, care for ___ each oth-er here. Where we can

div.

div.

40 *f*

sing _____ to- geth - er, work _____ to- geth - er,

f >

sing, sing _____ to- geth - er, work _____

f >

43

we can play _____ to- geth - er

_____ to- geth - er, play _____ to- geth - er

46

on the com - mon _____ ground. _____ Help me, Lord!

on the com - mon ground.

49

mp

O - pen us, Lord, _____

p

Help me, Lord, _____

mp

O - pen us, Lord! _____

p

Help me, Lord. _____

mp

O - pen us, Lord. _____

52

mf

Come, let us meet _____ to - geth - er on the com - mon, the com - mon, the

f

mf

Come, let us meet _____ to - geth - er on the com - mon, the com - mon,

f

mf

Come, let us meet _____ to - geth - er on the com - mon, the com - mon,

55

com - - mon ground. _____

the com - mon ground. _____

the _____ com - mon ground. _____

the com - mon, on the com - mon ground. _____