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Our Dream of Freedom

for SATB Chorus and Piano

Langston Hughes (1902–1967)

Gwyneth Walker

1. Freedom Will Not Come Today

$\text{♩} = 108$

cresc. poco a poco

Piano

p

f

7

(cresc.)

f

10 **A** *f* **boldly**

S
A

Free-dom will not come to-day, this year, nor ev-er through com-pro-mise and fear.

f **boldly**

T
B

Free-dom will not come to-day, this year, nor ev-er through com-pro-mise and fear.

A

p

f

p

Ped.

Freedom Will Not Come Today

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15 **B** *mf*

T I have as much right as the oth-er

B *mf*

f *p*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

19 *f*

T fel-low has to stand on my own feet and own land.

B *f*

fel-low has to stand on my own feet and own land.

f

Ped. Ped.

25 **C** *f boldly*

S A Free-dom will not come to-day this year, nor ev-er through com-pro-mise and fear.

T B *f boldly*

Free-dom will not come to-day this year, nor ev-er through com-pro-mise and fear.

C *p*

vol Ped.

47 *f*, *mf* *f*, *mf*

seed, a strong seed plant - - ed, a strong seed plant-ed in a

seed, a strong seed plant - - ed, a strong seed plant-ed in a

8 strong seed plant - - ed, a strong seed plant-ed in a

strong seed plant - - ed, a strong seed plant-ed in a

mf *f*, *mf* *f*, *mf*

51 *div. f* *unis.* *rit.* *div.*

great need. I live here, too. I want free-dom just as you. —

div. f *unis.* *rit.* *div.*

great need. I live here, too. I want free-dom just as you. —

div. f *unis.* *rit.* *div.*

great need. I live here, too. I want free-dom just as you. —

f *rit.*

8 *f* *loco*

71 H

wing-ed bird that can-not fly. _____ dreams _____

that can-not fly. Hold fast to dreams, for when dreams

77 *dim. poco a poco* *smoothly*

go _____ life is a bar-ren field fro-zen with snow, fro-zen with snow,

dim. poco a poco *smoothly*

go, life is a bar-ren field fro-zen with snow, fro-zen with snow,

82 *(dim.) rit.* I **Tempo I** ♩ = 108 *p*

fro-zen with snow, fro-zen with snow. _____

(dim.) *p*

fro-zen with snow, fro-zen with snow. _____

rit. I **Tempo I** ♩ = 108

p

Ped. *Ped.*

86

S

A

T

B

p

Hold fast to

p

Hold fast to

p

Hold fast to

Ped. Ped. Ped.

89

p

Ah, ah, Free-dom is a strong

(p)

dreams, hold fast to dreams, hold fast to

(p)

dreams, hold fast to dreams, hold fast to

(p)

dreams, hold fast to dreams, hold fast to

(p)

dreams, hold fast to dreams, hold fast to

(p)

dreams, hold fast to dreams, hold fast to

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

100 *unis.* *p*

I want free - dom just as you.

unis. *p*

I want free - dom just as you.

unis. *p*

8 I want free - dom just as you.

unis. *p*

I want free - dom just as you.

p *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

105 *cresc.* *rit.* *div.* *ff*

I want free - dom just as you.

cresc. *div.* *ff*

I want free - dom just as you.

cresc. *ff*

8 I want free - dom just as you.

cresc. *ff*

I want free - dom just as you.

rit. *mf cresc.* *ff*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.*