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# Our Dream of Freedom

for SATB Chorus and Piano

Langston Hughes (1902–1967)

Gwyneth Walker

## Introduction\*

Freely ♩ = ca. 80

Piano *mf*

(Ped.) *with pedal*  
*(stays from previous song when performing the entire set)*

4

S (enter unnoticed) *pp*  
Hmm,

A (enter unnoticed) *pp*  
Hmm,

T (enter unnoticed) *pp*  
Hmm,

B (enter unnoticed) *pp*  
Hmm,

*rit.*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

\* Use this introduction when performing all four songs as a set.

### The Dream Keeper

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## 3. The Dream Keeper

Slowly, gently ♩ = 92

\* *p*

S — Bring me all of your dreams, you dream-ers, bring me all... heart

A *p*  
— Bring me all of your dreams, you dream-ers, bring me all of your heart

T *p*  
— Bring me all of your dreams, you dream-ers, bring me all of your heart

B *p*  
— Bring me all of your dreams, you dream-ers, bring me all of your heart

Slowly, gently ♩ = 92

\*\* *p*

5

mel - o - dies — that I may wrap them in a blue cloud - cloth... —

mel - o - dies — that I may wrap them in a blue cloud - cloth... —

mel - o - dies — that I may wrap them in a blue cloud - cloth... —

mel - o - dies — that I may wrap them in a blue cloud - cloth... — a - way from the too rough

*div.*

*p*

\* Optional harmony holding over from the introduction.

\*\*Optional chord holding over from the introduction. Otherwise, re-strike chord to start the song.

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*poco accel.*  
*gradual cresc. (to C)*

dream - ers, bring me all of your dreams, bring me all of your dreams, bring me

all of your dreams, bring me all of your dreams, bring me all of your dreams, bring me

*poco accel.*

*gradual cresc. (to C)*

*(poco accel.)*  
*(cresc.)*

all of your dreams, bring me all of your dreams, bring me

all of your dreams, bring me all of your dreams, bring me

*(poco accel.)*

*(cresc.)*

**Faster**  
*(cresc.)*

all of your dreams, bring me all of your dreams, bring me

all of your dreams, bring me all of your dreams, bring me

**Faster**

*(cresc.)*

47 **Slowly**  
*p*

world.  
world.  
world.  
world.

**Slowly**  
*p*

*8va*  
*rapidly*  
*let ring*

*Ped.*

(pedal stays into next song when performing as a set) 2008  
3'15"

### Program Notes

*The Dream Keeper* is a prayer for the protection of dreams. "Bring me all of your dreams, you dreamers." The choral writing is often in hymn style, while the arpeggiated piano accompaniment flows around the chorus, perhaps "wrapping" the dreamers in a "blue cloud-cloth" of safety.

—Gwyneth Walker

### Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

For biographical information about the composer, please visit her Web site.  
<<http://www.gwynethwalker.com>>

### The Dream Keeper

Bring me all of your dreams,  
You dreamers,  
Bring me all of your  
Heart melodies  
That I may wrap them  
In a blue cloud-cloth  
Away from the too-rough fingers  
Of the world.

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