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IT'S A BEAUTIFUL,
WONDERFUL WORLD

**A UNISON SONG FOR
COMMUNITY CHOIR
WITH OPTIONAL HARMONIES**

[or could be adapted for
CHILDREN'S CHOIR]

WITH PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT



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*"It's a beautiful, wonderful world,
A world of wonder for all to share;
Let us walk together, hand in hand,
Spreading peace and friendship throughout the land..."*

Inspired by a visit to botanical gardens in California, this song is intended to reflect the beauty of nature around us, and to suggest that we should live in harmony, breaking through the barriers that can so often divide us.

In its simplest form it is a unison song, which can be performed by a community chorus or a children's choir, but optional harmony (SATB) is given in places for a more advanced group - although this is fairly simple, even though it requires some *divisi*.

There is a reprise of the first verse, a tone higher, with an optional descant.

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Written following a visit to the Botanical Gardens in Claremont, California, USA.

It's a Beautiful, Wonderful World

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Allegretto

ALL VOICES IN UNISON *mf*

1. It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, a

Allegretto

f *mf*

Con Pedale

5

world of won - der, for all to share; Let us walk to - geth - er,

8

hand in hand, spread - ing peace and friend - ship through - out the land. It's a

f

NOTE - This piece may be performed in UNISON throughout if preferred.
The harmonies in vv.2 and 3, and the descant in the reprise may be omitted.

11

beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, — a beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, —

mf

16

TENORS AND BASSES *mf*

2. It's a beau - ti - ful, won-der - ful world, — Let's

mf

19

live in har - mo - ny, ev' - ry - one! We will stand to - geth - er,

mf

22

side by side, and we'll break the bar - ri - ers have that div - ide. It's a

f *mf*

f *mf*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 22 to 24. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a rest in measure 22, followed by the lyrics 'side by side, and we'll break the bar - ri - ers have that div - ide. It's a' in measures 23 and 24. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. Dynamic markings include *f* and *mf*. A large watermark 'FOR PUPILS USE ONLY' is visible across the page.

25

beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, — a beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, —

beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, — a beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, —

mp

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 25 to 29. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, — a beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, —' in measures 25 and 26, and repeats the phrase in measures 27 and 28. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present. A large watermark 'FOR PUPILS USE ONLY' is visible across the page.

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SOPRANOS
& ALTOS

3. It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, — Let's

f *mf*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 30 to 32. The vocal line is for Sopranos and Altos, starting with the lyrics '3. It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, — Let's' in measure 30. The piano accompaniment continues. Dynamic markings include *f* and *mf*. A large watermark 'FOR PUPILS USE ONLY' is visible across the page.

33 [SSA] *mf*

fight in - just - ice through - out the earth; For we all be - long to the

mp

36 *f*

hu - man race, Where ha - tred and pre - ju - dice

mf

38 *mf + T/B*

have no place! It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, _____ a

mf

It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, _____ a

mp

41 poco rit.

beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, ___
 beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, ___

poco rit.

poco rit. A tempo

46 *f* OPTIONAL DESCANT
 Ah, ___ it's a beau-ti-ful world, a world of won-der for
 SATB IN UNISON *f*
 It's a beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, ___ a world of won-der, for

poco rit. A tempo

50
 all. ___ Ah, ___ ah, ___ through

all to share; Let us walk to-geth-er, hand in hand, spread-ing peace and friend-ship through

54

out the land. It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, a beau - ti - ful, won - der ful

out the land. It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, a beau - ti - ful, won - der ful

Meno mosso poco rit. . .

58

world. it's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful, it's a won - der - ful world!

world, it's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world!

world, it's a

Meno mosso poco rit. . .