

RICH CAMPBELL

PUZZLE

for SATB choir w / piano accompaniment

text:

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Puzzle
by Linda Trott Dickman

Puzzle...How to get along together
it's a puzzle
Will we understand each other ever
Outside...we're different as our names
Inside...we feel things much the same.

Puzzles...
we're all puzzles.

Let's wage peace instead of war
Each one listen a little more
Until we can agree
to fit together in harmony
and solve the Puzzle...

Brothers, though we speak a different tongue
We're still brothers
Sisters, mothers, fathers old or young
We're children
who wake up and hope to find
other children, wanting to love mankind.

Crying tears, and sharing smiles
holding hands through all of the trials
Separate and we're alone
Together we stand as one!

Perfect Puzzle
each piece needed to complete
 the blending, Puzzle,
to make the picture never-ending
 No more Puzzle.

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With precise rhythm ♩ = 70

The musical score is written for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 70. The score is divided into two systems. The first system consists of four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. Each vocal staff has a '(clap)' instruction above the first measure. The piano accompaniment starts with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The second system begins with a measure rest for the vocalists, indicated by a '5' above the Soprano staff. The vocal lines then enter with the lyrics: Soprano: 'Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a'; Alto: 'Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle'; Tenor: 'Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle'; Bass: 'Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle'. The piano accompaniment continues with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic.

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PUZZLE

8

S. puz - zle

A. Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle

T.

B. *mf* Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle

Pno

11

S. Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle

A.

T. *mf* Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle

B.

Pno

15

S. How to get_ a - long_ to - geth - er

A. Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle

T. Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle

B. Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle

Pno

19

S. Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle

A. Will we un - der - stand each oth - er ev - er

T. Puz - zle it's a puz - zle it's a puz - zle

B. Will we un - der - stand each oth - er ev - er

Pno

23

S. 
 Out - side we're dif - ferent as our names In - side we feel things much the same


A. 
 Out - side we're dif - ferent as our names In - side we feel things much the same


T. 
 Out - side we're dif - ferent as our names In - side we feel things much the same


B. 
 Out - side we're dif - ferent as our names In - side we feel things much the same


Pno 


27

S. 
 feel things much the same feel things much the same_____ We're all

A. 
 feel things much the same feel things much the same_____ We're all

T. 
 feel things much the same feel things much the same_____ We're all

B. 
 feel things much the same feel things much the same_____ We're all

Pno 

31

S. Puz - zles we're all puz - zles we're all

A. Puz - zles we're all puz - zles we're all puz - zles

T. Puz - zles we're all puz - zles we're all

B. Puz - zles we're all puz - zles we're all puz - zles

Pno

34

mp

S. puz - zles Let's wage peace in - stead of war Each one

A. Let's wage peace in - stead of war Each one

T. puz - zles Let's wage peace in - stead of war Each one

B. Let's wage peace in - stead of war Each one

mp

Pno

40 *mf*

S. lis - ten a lit - tle more Un - til we can a - gree to

A. lis - ten a lit - tle more can a - gree *mf*

T. lis - ten a lit - tle more can a - gree *mf*

B. lis - ten a lit - tle more can a - gree

Pno *mf*

45 rit..... *sfz* a tempo *f*

S. fit to - geth - er in har - mo - ny and *f*

A. to fit to - geth - er in har - mo - ny and *f*

T. to fit to - geth - er in har - mo - ny and *f*

B. to fit to - geth - er in har - mo - ny and *f*

Pno *sfz* *f*

51 *mf*

S. solve the *mf* Though we speak a

A. solve the *mf* Puz - zle solve the puz - zle solve the puz - zle

T. solve the *mf* Though we speak a

B. solve the *mf* Puz - zle solve the puz zle solve the puz - zle

Pno *mf*

55

S. dif - ferent tongue

A. Puz - zle solve the puz - zle solve the puz - zle We're still

T. dif - ferent tongue

B. Puz - zle solve the puz - zle solve the puz - zle We're still

Pno

58

S. Puz - zle solve the puz - zle solve the

A. broth - ers, sis - ters, moth - ers, fa - thers old - and young

T. Puz - zle solve the puz - zle solve the

B. broth - ers, sis - ters, moth - ers, fa - thers old and young

Pno

61

S. puz - zle We're chil - dren who wake up and hope to find chil - dren

A. oth - er chil - dren

T. *mp* puz - zle chil - dren chil - dren

B. *mp* chil - dren chil - dren

Pno

65 rit.....

S. *f* want - ing to love man - - kind *sfz* a tempo *mp* Cry - ing

A. *f* want - ing to love man - - kind *sfz* *mp* Cry - ing

T. *f* want - ing to love man - - kind *sfz* *mp* Cry - ing

B. *f* want - ing to love man - - kind *sfz* *mp* Cry - ing

Pno *f* *sfz* *mp*

71

S. tears and shar - ing smiles hold - ing hands through all of the

A. tears and shar - ing smiles hold - ing hands through all of the

T. tears and shar - ing smiles hold - ing hands through all of the

B. tears and shar - ing smiles hold - ing hands through all of the

Pno

77 *mf* *f*

S. tri - als Sep - a - rate and we're a - lone to - geth - er we stand

A. tri - als we're a - lone to -

T. tri - als we're a - lone to -

B. tri - als we're a - lone to -

Pno *mf* *f*

81 rit..... *sfz* *f* a tempo

S. we stand as one One Per - fect

A. - geth - er we stand we stand as one One Per - fect

T. - geth - er we stand we stand as one One Per - fect

B. - geth - er we stand we stand as one One Per - fect

Pno *sfz* *f*

87 *mp* *mf*

S. Puz - zle Per - fect Puz - zle Each piece need - ed to com -

A. Puz - zle Per - fect Puz - zle

T. Puz - zle Per - fect Puz - zle Each piece need - ed to com -

B. Puz - zle Per - fect Puz - zle

Pno *mp* *mf*

91 *mf* *mf*

S. -plete the blend - ing

A. Puz - zle per - fect puz - zle per - fect puz - zle Make the pic - ture

T. -plete the blend - ing

B. Puz - zle per - fect puz - zle per - fect puz - zle Make the pic - ture

Pno *mf*

95

S. Puz - zle no more puz - zle no more puz - zle

A. nev - er end - ing

T. Puz - zle no more puz - zle no more puz - zle

B. nev - er end - ing

Pno

98

S. Puz - zle no more puz - zle no more

A. Puz - zle no more puz - zle no more puz - zle

T.

B.

Pno

101

S. *f* puz - zle No more puz - - - zle

A. *f* it's a puz - zle we're all puz - zles solve the puz - zle per - fect puz - zle no more

T. *f* It's a puz - zle we're all puz - zles solve the puz - zle per - fect puz - zle no more

B. *f* No more puz - - - zle

Pno *f*

104

S. No more puz - zle No more puz - zle

A. puz - zle it's a puz - zle we're all puz - zles solve the puz - zle per - fect puz - zle no more

T. puz - zle It's a puz - zle we're all puz - zles solve the puz - zle per - fect puz - zle no more

B. No more puz - - - zle

Pno

107

S. P - - - - U - - - - Z - - - - Z - - -

A. puz - zle it's a puz - zle we're all puz - zles solve the puz - zle per - fect

T. puz - zle It's a puz - zle we're all puz - zles solve the puz - zle per - fect

B. P - - - - U - - - - Z - - - - Z - - -

Pno

111

S. - - - - L - - - - E puz - zle *ff*

A. puz - zle no more puz - zle puz - zle *ff*

T. puz - zle no more puz - zle puz - zle *ff*

B. - - - - L - - - - E puz - zle

Pno