

# WILD EMBERS

for SSAA choir

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We are the descendants  
of the wild women you forgot  
We are the stories you thought  
would never be taught.

They should have checked the ashes  
of the women they burned alive.  
Because it takes a single wild ember  
to bring a whole wildfire to life.

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Lyrics by Nikita Gill

3.5 min

Commissioned by Acalanes High School Bella Voce  
Bruce Lengacher, director

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To the Women of Acalanes High School Bella Voce  
on the occasion of their performance at the 2018 CASMEC.  
They will all tell new stories.

In memory of Giselle "Gigi" Keppel (2000-2019).

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Music by Melissa Dunphy

Moderato  $\text{♩} = 52$

SOPRANO 1 *p* *resolutely*  
We\_\_\_ are the des cend - ants of the

SOPRANO 2 *p* *resolutely*  
We\_\_\_ are the des cend - ants of the

ALTO 1 *pp*  
Shh, shh, shh, shh,

ALTO 2 *pp*  
Shh, shh, shh, shh,

5  
wild wo-men you for- got,\_\_\_ we\_\_\_ are the des cend - ants of the wild wo-men you for *mf*

wild wo-men you for- got,\_\_\_ we\_\_\_ are the des cend - ants of the wild wo-men you for *mf*

*ppp* *p* *resolutely*  
shh. We are,\_\_\_ we are,\_\_\_ we are,\_\_\_ we are,\_\_\_

*ppp* *p* *resolutely*  
shh. We are,\_\_\_ we are,\_\_\_ we are,\_\_\_ we are,\_\_\_

10

got, we are the des - cend - ants of the  
 got, we are the des - cend - ants of the  
 we are the stor - ies, we are the stor - ies you  
 we are the stor - ies, we are the stor - ies you

13

wild wo-men you for - got, we are the des -  
 wild wo-men you for - got, we are the des -  
 thought would nev - er be taught. We are the des -  
 thought would nev - er be taught. We are the des -

16

cend - ants of the wild, wild, wild wo men,  
 cend - ants of the wild, wild, wild wo men,  
 cend - ants of the wild, wild, wild wo men you for  
 cend - ants of the wild, wild, wild wo men you for

21

we are the stor - ies you thought would nev - er be

we are the stor - ies you thought, *mf* They should have checked the

got, you thought would nev - er be

got, you thought, would nev - er be

**A**

25

taught. *p* Shh, *p* shh, *p* shh,

ash - es They should have checked the ash - es of the wo - men they burned a -

taught. *p* Shh, *p* shh, *p* shh.

taught. They should have checked the ash - es of the wo - men they burned a -

*mp* thigh clap

stomp

28

*mf* They should have checked the ash - es, they should have checked the

live. *p* shh, *mf* They should have checked the ash - es,

*mf* They should have checked the ash - es, *p* shh,

live. *p* shh, They should have checked the

30

ash - es of the wo - men they burned a - live. Be-cause it

they should have checked the ash - es, *p* shh. *mf* Be-cause it

*mf* of the wo - men they burned a - live. Be-cause it

*p* ash - es, *p* shh, *mf* shh, Be-cause it



**B**

40

life. We are the des -

life. Shh, shh,

life. They should have checked the ash - es They should have checked the

life. They should have checked the ash - es They

42

cend - - ants of the wild wo - men you for -

shh, shh.

ash - es of the wo - men they burned a -

should have checked the ash - es of the wo - men they burned a -



44

got, we are the des-

*f* They should have checked the ash - es, they should have checked the ash - es

live. They should have checked the ash - es, they should have checked the

live. *mf* shh, *mf* shh,

46

cend - ants of the wild wo-men you for - got. Be - cause it

of the wo - men they burned a - live. Be - cause it

ash - es of the wo - men they burned a - live. We are the

*mf* shh, *mf* shh. *f* We are the

49

takes a sin - gle wild emb - er, a sin - gle wild  
 takes a sin - gle wild emb - er, a sin - gle wild  
 stor - ies, we are the stor - ies you thought  
 stor - ies, we are the stor - ies you thought,

52

em - ber, to bring a whole wild-fire, to bring a whole  
 em - ber, to bring a whole wild-fire, to bring a whole  
 would nev - er be taught. To bring a whole wild-fire, to bring a whole  
 to bring a whole wild - fire, shh, to bring a whole

accel. . . . .

rit. . . . .

55

*ff*

wild - - - - - fire, a wild - - - - -

*ff*

wild - fire, a wild - - - - - fire, a wild - - - - -

*ff*

wild - - - - - fire, a wild - fire, a wild fire, a

*ff*

wild - fire, a wild - - - - - fire, a wild fire, a wild fire, a

60

*p* *pp* *mp*

- fire to life, \_\_\_\_\_ to life, \_\_\_\_\_ to life. \_\_\_\_\_ Shh.

*p* *pp* *mp*

- fire to life, \_\_\_\_\_ to life, \_\_\_\_\_ to life. \_\_\_\_\_ Shh.

*p* *pp* *mp*

wild - fire to life, \_\_\_\_\_ to life, \_\_\_\_\_ to life. \_\_\_\_\_ Shh.

*p* *pp* *mp*

wild fire to life, \_\_\_\_\_ to life, \_\_\_\_\_ to life. \_\_\_\_\_ Shh.