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4 min



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Every time we plant a tree, we change the world.  
Every time we make a friend, we change the world.  
Every time we see what other people need  
and accept them for who they are,  
The world becomes a better place.

When we comfort the sick, we change the world.  
When we say, "I love you," we change the world.  
When we reach out with kindness and a willingness to learn,  
when we take care of others and work toward justice,  
when we smile,  
the world becomes a better place.

It can be hard to see the change  
when you're too tired to open your eyes.  
It can be hard to stand up and fight  
when others don't believe.

But if you touch one person's life,  
if you take the time to care,  
if you find a moment of joy  
and spread it around,  
the world will change.  
It will be okay.  
It's going to be okay.

We will change the world.  
We will change.



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**Moderato**  $\text{♩}=\text{c.96}$

Piano

The musical score consists of two systems of music. The first system (measures 1-8) features a piano part in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps. The vocal parts (Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, Baritone) enter one at a time, each singing the same lyrics: "Ev'ry time we plant a tree, we change the world, we change the world." The piano part continues throughout. The second system (measures 9-17) also in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps, features vocal entries by S1, S2, A, and B, followed by a piano part. The lyrics for this section are: "Ev'ry time we make a friend, we change the world, we change the world." The piano part concludes the piece.

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Baritone

Piano

S1.

S2.

A.

B.

Pno.

9

Ev'ry time we plant a tree, we change the world, we change the world.

Ev'ry time we plant a tree, we change the world, we change the world.

Ev'ry time we make a friend, we change the world, we change the world.

Ev'ry time we make a friend, we change the world, we change the world.

Ev'ry time we make a friend, we change the world, we change the world.

Ev'ry time we make a friend, we change the world, we change the world, change the

13

S1. *mp*  
Ev'-ry time we see what oth-er peo-ple need, and ac-cept them for who they are, the

S2. *mp*  
Ev'-ry time we see what oth-er peo-ple need, and ac-cept them for who they are, the

A. *mp*  
Ev'-ry time we see what oth-er peo-ple need, and ac-cept them for who they are,  
*mp*

B. world. See what oth-er peo-ple need, and ac-cept them for who they are,

Pno. *mp*

17

S1. world be-comes a bet-ter place, the world be-comes a bet-ter place.

S2. world be-comes a bet-ter place, the world be-comes a bet-ter place.

A. *p*  
the world be-comes a bet - - - ter

B. *p*  
the world be-comes a bet - - - ter

Pno. *p*

21

S1. *mp*  
When we com - fort the sick, we change the world,

S2. *mp*  
When we com - fort the sick, we change the world, we change the

A. *mp*  
place. When we com - fort the sick, we change the world, we

B. *mp*  
place. When we com - fort the sick, we change the world, we

Pno.

24

S1. we change the world. When we say, "I love you,"

S2. world. When we say, "I love you," we change the

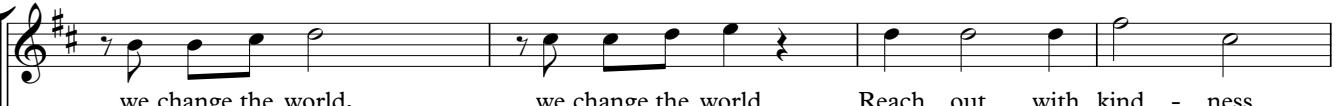
A. change the world. When we say, "I love you," we

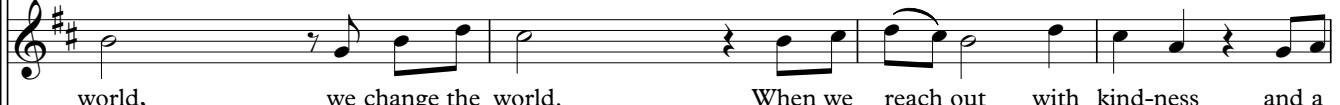
B. change the world. When we say, "I love you,"

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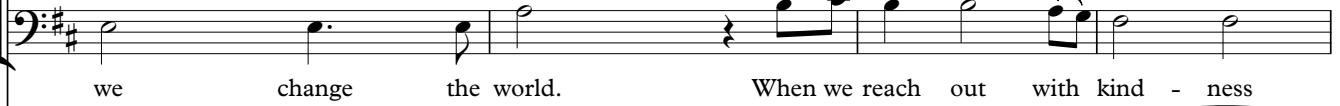
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S1. 

S2. 

A. 

B. 

Pno. 

31

S1. 

S2. 

A. 

B. 

Pno. 

35

S1.

work to-ward jus - tice, when we smile when we

S2.

work to-ward just - ice, when we smile, when we smile, when we

A.

work to-ward just - ice, when we smile, when we

B.

and work to-ward just - ice, when we smile, when we

Pno.

a tempo

rit.

39

S1.

smile, when we smile, the world be-comes a bet-ter place, the world be-comes a

S2.

smile, when we smile, the world be-comes a bet-ter place, the world be-comes a

A.

smile, when we smile, the world be-comes a bet-ter place, the world be-comes a

B.

smile, when we smile, the world be-comes a bet-ter place, the world be-comes a

Pno.

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44

S1. bet - ter place. It can be hard to see the

S2. bet - ter place. It can be hard to see the

A. bet - ter place. It can be hard to see the

B. bet - ter place. It can be hard to see the

Pno.

48

S1. change when you're too tired to o-pen your eyes. It can be hard to stand up and

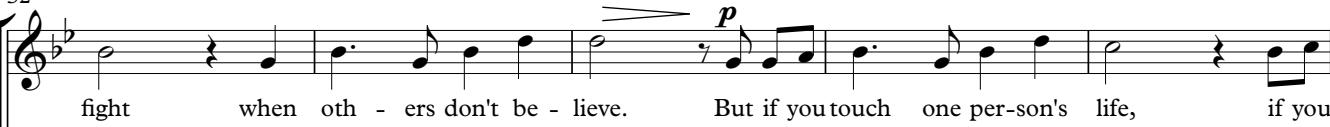
S2. change when you're too tired to o-pen your eyes. It can be hard to stand up and

A. change when you're too tired to o-pen your eyes. It can be hard to stand up and

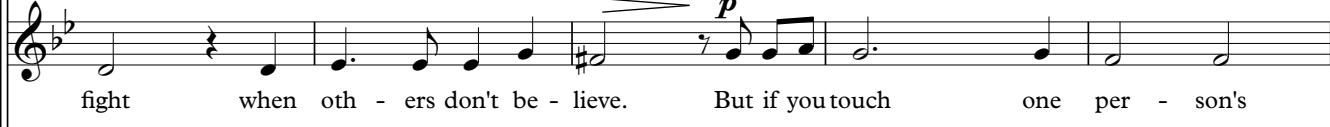
B. change when you're too tired. It can be hard to stand up and

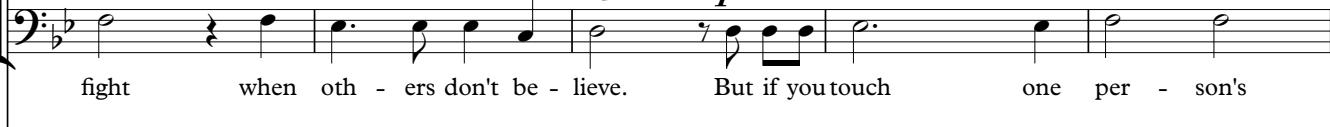
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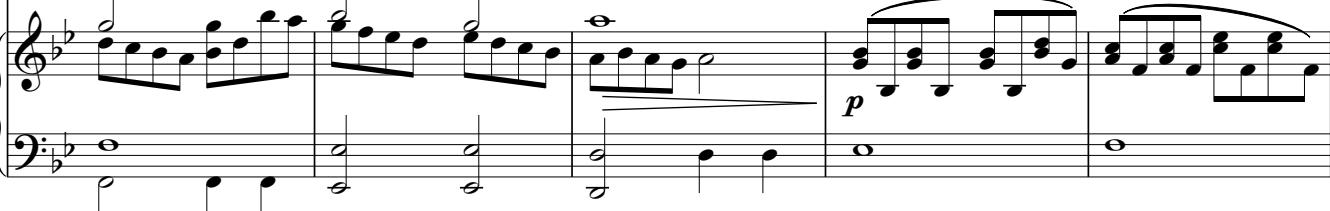
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S1. 
 fight when oth - ers don't be - lieve. But if you touch one per-son's life, if you

S2. 
 fight when oth - ers don't be - lieve. But if you touch one per-son's life, if you

A. 
 fight when oth - ers don't be - lieve. But if you touch one per - son's

B. 
 fight when oth - ers don't be - lieve. But if you touch one per - son's

Pno. 

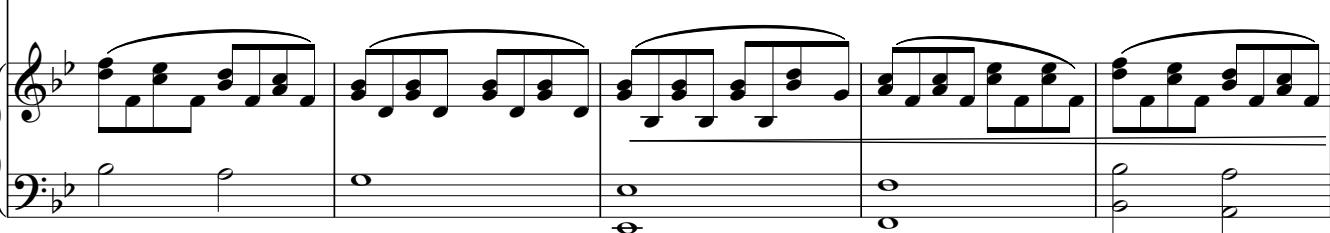
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S1. 
 take the time to care, if you find a mo-ment of joy and spread it a -

S2. 
 take the time to care, if you find a mo-ment of joy and spread it a -

A. 
 life, if you take the time to care, find a mo - ment of joy,

B. 
 life, if you take the time to care, find a mo - ment of joy,

Pno. 

62

S1. *mf*  
round, the world will change, \_\_\_\_\_ change,

S2. *mf*  
round, the world will change, \_\_\_\_\_ change,

A. *mf*  
— the world will change, the world will change, the world will change, the world will

B. *mf*  
— the world will change, the world will change, the world will change, the world will

Pno.

66

S1. the world will change, \_\_\_\_\_ the world will change.

S2. the world will change, the world will change, the world will

A. change, the world will change, the world will change, the

B. change, the world will change, the world will change, the

Pno.

70

S1. - ♯ - It will change.

S2. change. It will change. *mp* The world will be-come a

A. world will change.

B. world will change. *mp* The world will be-come a

Pno. {

74

S1. *mp* It will be o - kay, it will be o - kay, it will

S2. bet-ter place, *mp* the world will be-come a bet - ter place.

A. - - We change the world, we change the world. The world will be-come a

B. bet-ter place, the world will be - come a bet - ter place, the

Pno. {

78

S1. be o - kay, o - kay. The world will be-come a *mf*

S2. We change the world, we change the world. It will be o - *mf*

A. bet-ter place, the world will be-come a bet - ter place, *mf*

B. world will be - come a bet - ter place. It will *mf*

Pno.

82

S1. bet-ter place, It will be o - kay. It's go-ing to *f*

S2. kay. The world will be-come a bet - ter place. We will *f*

A. We will be o - kay. We change the world, we change the world. The *f*

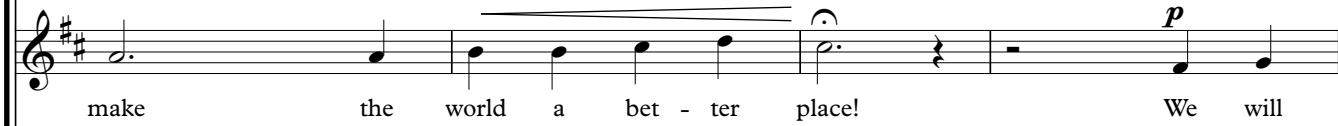
B. be o - kay, it will be o - kay, it will *f*

Pno.

Slower  $\text{♩}=\text{c.88}$  **p**

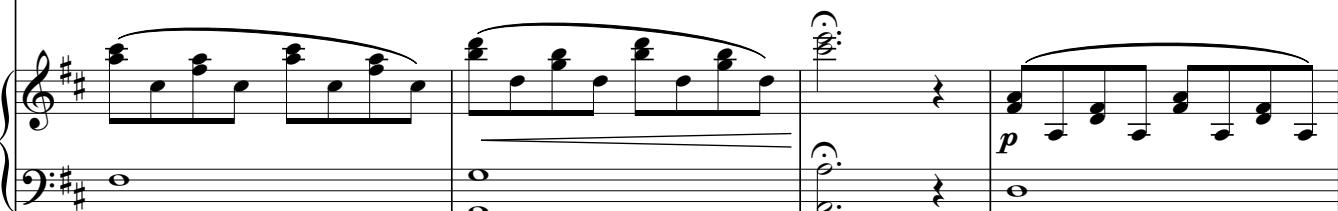
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S1. 

S2. 

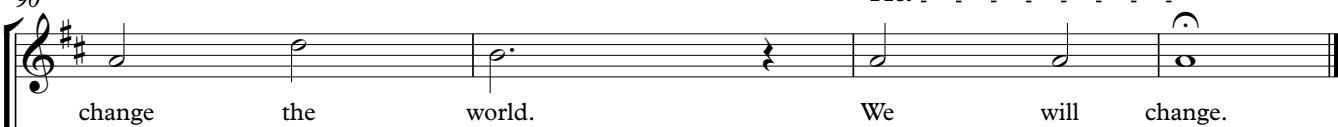
A. 

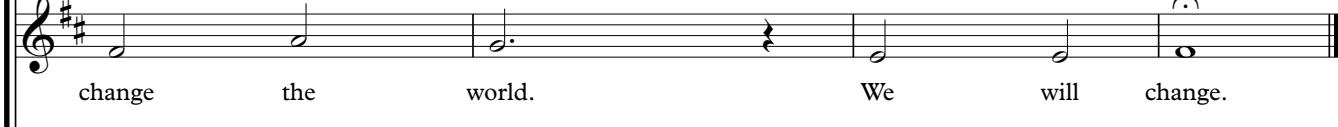
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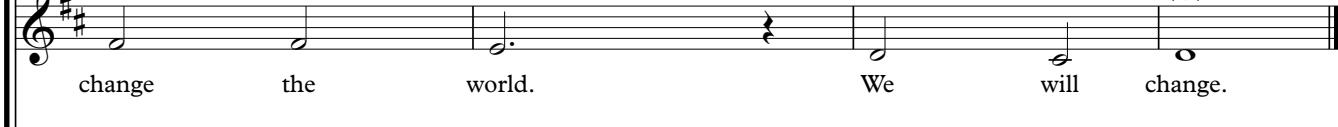
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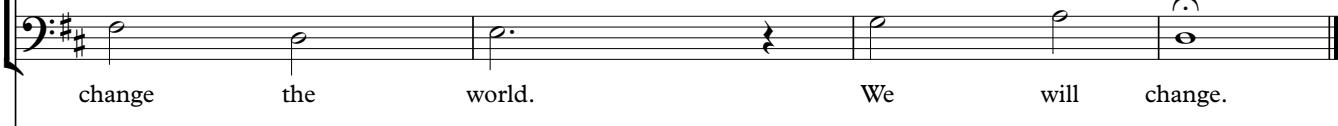
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S1. 

S2. 

A. 

B. 

Pno. 



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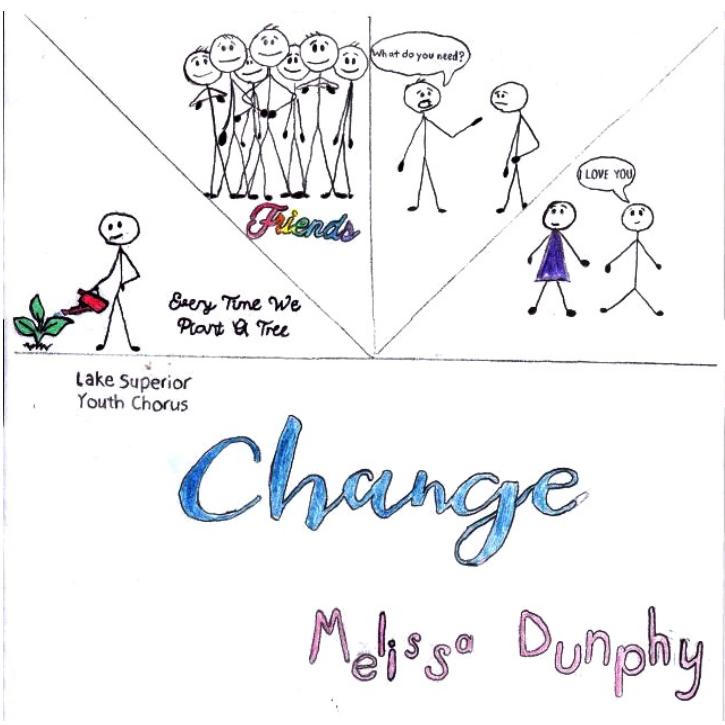
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