

For the Utah Valley University Chamber Choir

They Are Mother

SATB (divisi) and piano

Words and Music by
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Grounded ♩ = 82

SOPRANO *mp*
Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah

ALTO *mp*
Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah

TENOR *mp*
Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

BASS *mp*
Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

Piano *mp*

8^{vb}

Performance notes:

This piece can be approached with both traditional choral vocal technique as well as elements of modern pop singing. For example, the solo sections can be interpreted loosely, ad libbed in the general direction of the written solos, and sung with mix/belt or gospel technique. Similarly, the joyful section at bar 50 is best enjoyed with relaxed vowels and a bright tone, whereas the Meditation section should blend like traditional choral texture. Overall, this piece benefits from a relaxed energy as opposed to strictness.

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Mm_ ah mm ah_ What shall I call this force I know Who do I come to when I

Mm_ ah mm ah_ Mm ah Mm ah_ mm Ah_____ Mm ah Mm ah_

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

won-der_ The space that holds me when I'm low

mm_ ah mm ah_ Mm ah Mm ah_ mm Ah_____

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

(8).....

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won-der_ The space that holds me when I'm low

mm_ ah mm ah_ Mm ah Mm ah_ mm Ah_____

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

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More than a par-ent, friend, or lov - er— They are Mov-er, they are Mak-er, they are

Mm ah Mm ah mm ah They are Mov-er, they are Mak-er, they are

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah They are Mov-er, they are Mak-er, they are

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah They are Mov-er, they are Mak-er, they are

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Moth-er, mm They are Moth-er mm Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah

Moth-er, mm They are Moth-er mm Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah

Moth-er, mm They are Moth-er mm Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

Moth-er, mm They are Moth-er mm Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

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Mm ah Mm ah_ ma ma ma ma ma Mm ah Mm ah_

Mm ah Mm ah_ mm Ah_ Mm ah Mm ah_

They are the breath I see in cold The read-y musc-le in the

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

8^{vb}

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mama ma_ mama mama mama Mm ah Mm ah_ mama mama mama ma_

mm_ ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma Mm ah Mm ah_ mm Ah_

sprin - ter_ They are the glit ter and the gold,

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

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Mm ah Mm ah ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma

Mm ah Mm ah mm ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma

the stead - y heat lamp in the win - ter

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah

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ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma They are Mov - er, they are

ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma They are Mov - er, they are

They are Mov - er, they are

They are Mov - er, they are

Mak - er, they are Moth - er, mm They are

Mak - er, they are Moth - er, mm They are

Mak - er, they are Moth - er, mm They are

Mak - er, they are Moth - er, mm They are

8^{vb}

31 *solo 1 (in any octave)* *solo 2 (in any octave)*

ma ma ma ma ma ma da da da dn da da da da

Moth - er, mm They are Moth - er, mm They are

Moth - er, mm They are Moth - er, mm They are

Moth - er, mm They are Moth - er, mm They are

Moth - er, mm They are Moth - er, mm They are

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solo 3 (in any octave)

solo group

rit. 7

mm ma na na na na ma ma ma ma ma

Moth-er mm They are Moth-er mm They are Moth-er mm They are Moth-er mm They are Moth-er mm They are Moth-er mm They are

rit.

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Like a secret ♩ = 63

p

Moth-er mm They nod and know They need no-thing They're

p

Moth-er mm They nod and know They need no-thing They're

Moth-er mm

Moth-er mm **Like a secret** ♩ = 63

p

mf

8^{va}

8^{va}

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god and grow, They bleed bless-ings They nod and know They need

god and grow, They bleed bless-ings They nod and know They need

They nod and know They need

They nod and know They need

8^{vb} 8^{vb} 8^{vb}

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no thing They're god and grow, They bleed bless-ings They are

no thing They're god and grow, They bleed bless-ings They are

no thing They're god and grow, They bleed bless-ings They are

no - thing They're god, god and grow, They bleed bless-ings They are

8^{vb} 8^{vb} 8^{vb}

accel. 9

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sol-i-tude They are mul-ti-tude They are grat-i - tude They are grat-i - tude They are
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accel.

p

8^{vb}

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Joyfully ♩ = 90

ff
 grat-i - tude Laugh lines a-round the all - see-ing eye — And
ff
 grat-i - tude Laugh lines a-round the all - see-ing eye — And
ff
 grat-i - tude Laugh lines a-round the all - see-ing eye — And
ff
 grat-i - tude Laugh lines a-round the all - see-ing eye — And

Joyfully ♩ = 90

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I can lean up in - to the sky Laugh lines a-round the all - see-ing eye_

I can lean up in - to the sky Laugh lines a-round the all - see-ing eye_

I can lean up in - to the sky Laugh lines a-round the all - see-ing eye_

I can lean up in - to the sky Laugh lines a-round the all - see-ing eye_

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And I can lean up in - to the sky

And I can lean up in - to the sky

And I can lean up in - to the sky

And I can lean up in - to the sky

⑧

Meditative

p

Ah Ah Mm ah Mm ah Mm ah

Ah Ah Mm ah Mm ah Mm ah

Ah Ah Mm ah Mm ah Mm ah

Ah Ah Mm ah Mm ah Mm ah

Meditative rit.

pp

8^{vb}

Grounded, as before ♩ = 82

mp

Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah

mp

Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah

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Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

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Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah

Grounded, as before ♩ = 82

mp

8^{vb}

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What shall I call this force I know Who do I come to when I won-der_ They are

Mm ah Mm ah mm Ah Mm ah Mm ah mm ah They are

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah They are

Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah mm ah mm ah Mm ah They are

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Mov-er They are Mak-er They are Moth-er mm_ They are

Mov-er They are Mak-er They are Moth-er mm_ They are

Mov-er They are Mak-er They are Moth-er mm_ They are

Mov-er They are Mak-er They are Moth-er mm_ They are

f

8^{vb}

solo 9 (in any octave)

ma da da da da da da da da

Moth - er mm_ They are Moth - er mm_ They are

Moth - er mm_ They are Moth - er mm_ They are

Moth - er mm_ They are Moth - er mm_ They are

Moth - er mm_ They are Moth - er mm_ They are

(8).....

solo group

ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma ma

Moth - er mm_ They are Moth-er mm_

Moth - er mm_ They are Moth-er mm_

Moth - er mm_ They are Moth-er mm_

Moth - er mm_ They are Moth-er mm_

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