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GRANDFATHER GREAT SPIRIT:

FOR MEN’S CHORUS (TTBB) AND PIPE ORGAN
“Grandfather Great Spirit” was written for De Profundis Men’s Ensemble of Albuquerque, David Poole, Director. It was a gift to thank the group for participating in the premiere of “Earthsongs for Chorus and Orchestra.” They premiered “Grandfather Great Spirit” in June of 2009, with organist James Rasmussen, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Albuquerque NM at a convention of the American Guild of Organists. A recording of that performance can be heard at https://soundcloud.com/michael-mauldin/grandfather-great-spirit

The text is a Sioux prayer:

Grandfather Great Spirit, all over the world the faces of living ones are alike.
With tenderness they have come up out of the ground.
Look upon your children, that they may face the winds and walk the good road to the Day of Quiet.
Grandfather Great Spirit, give us the strength to understand.
Fill us with the light that we may walk the soft earth as relatives of all that live.

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Duration: 3:10
GRANDFATHER GREAT SPIRIT

Text: SIOUX PRAYER

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Over the world the faces of living ones are alike.

Grandfather Great Spirit, All
Over the world the faces of living ones of living ones are alike.

With tender-ness they

With tender-ness they
they have come up. up out of the ground.

Look up on your children, ground.
Look up on your children,

that they may face the winds,
and walk the good road,

and walk the good road,

and walk the good road,

and walk the good road,

and walk the good road,

and walk the good road,

and walk the good road,

and walk the good road,
Grand-fath-er Great Spi-rit,
Give us the strength to un-der-stand.
Fill us with the Light.

that we may walk the soft earth as
relatives of all that live.