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I. Please Don’t Let Them Die
II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World
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This piece was premiered by the New Mexico All-State Symphony Orchestra and Mixed Chorus in 1994 in Popejoy Hall at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. There were so many high school instrumentalists and singers on stage that there was no room for a children’s choir. So the piece was written to be effective without children, even though the title indicates that these are the prayers of children. The vocal ranges of the adult chorus are appropriate for high school singers or civic choirs. The orchestral writing is accessible to good youth, college or civic orchestras.

I. Please Don’t Let Them Die
Father, I’m sorry to bother you. Father, I’m sorry to trouble you.
But Father, I need to talk to you, and Father, I need to explain to you.
I don’t ask for myself; please will you hear my prayer?
Children–there are many children. Hunger–they know much hunger,
And hatred–they are touched by hatred.
Please don’t let them die; please help them, will you try?

Where is the love that brought them forth to the world, that brought them life?
Where is the selflessness that cares for another man’s child,
That cares for a child that has no home.
Give him the strength and the will to survive, and the hope for a kinder way,
For a better day, when the children shall be safe.

Orphans–there are many orphans, Runaways–there are many runaways.
Hunger–they know much hunger, and hatred–they are touched by hatred.
Please don’t let them die; please help them, will you try?

II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World
God bless the winds and the waters of the world.
May they always blow free and flow clean,
So they will not so much hurt and destroy, but give life and hope.

Give us the knowledge to heal the world. Give us the courage to try.
We will work to save the water. We will work to save the air.
We will teach our children’s children to handle earth with care.

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Duration: 11:42
Children (opt.)
Fa-ther, I’m sor-ry to trou-ble you. But Fa-ther, I need to talk to you.
Fa-ther, I’m sor-ry to trou-ble you. But Fa-ther, I need to talk to you.
Fa-ther, I’m sor-ry to trou-ble you. But Fa-ther, I need to talk to you.
Fa-ther, I’m sor-ry to trou-ble you. But Fa-ther, I need to talk to you.
Fa-ther, I’m sor-ry to trou-ble you. But Fa-ther, I need to talk to you.

Vlns.
Vla.
Cello
Bass
and Father, I need to explain to you

and Father, I need to explain to you

and Father, I need to explain to you

and Father, I need to explain to you

I don't ask for my...
Please don’t let them die; please help them, will you try?
Picc.

Fb.

Obs.

B♭ Cls.

Bsn.

B♭ Bass Cl.

Hns. (F)

B♭ Tpts.

Trbs.

Tuba

Bells

P E R C

Cym.

S.D.

Timp.

Children

(Vlns.

Cello

Bass

[145]
Please don't let them die; please help them, will you try?
Cares for another man's child, for a child that has no home?

Cares for another man's child, for a child that has no home?

Cares for another man's child, for a child that has no home?

Cares for another man's child, for a child that has no home?
Children (opt.)

1. day, time, we pray, when the children
2. day, for a time, we pray, (when the children) when the children
3. day, time, we pray, when the children
4. day, time, we pray, when the children
Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

B♭ Cls.

Bssns.

B♭ Bass Cl.

Hns. (F)

B♭ Tpts.

Trbs.

Tuba

Bells

P E R C

Timpani

Children (opt.)

Sus.

S.D.

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Bass
II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always...
Picc.  
Ftb.  
Obs.  
B♭ Cls.  
Bsnns.  
B♭ Bass Cl.  
Hns. (F)  
B♭ Tpts.  
Trbs.  
Tuba  
Bells (F)  
Snare sticks  
Susp. Cym.  
Timp.  
Children (opt.)  
Vlns.  
Cello  
Bass  

God bless the winds and the waters of the
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Children (opt.)

Give us the knowledge to

If no children:

Give us the knowledge to

If no children:

Give us the knowledge to

Give us the knowledge to

But give life and hope.

So much hurt and destroy.

So much hurt and destroy.

Give us the knowledge to

But give life and hope.
heal the world.

Give us the courage to try.

We will work to save the water.

[Music notation with instruments and dynamics indicated]
We will work to save the air.
We will teach our children to handle earth with care.

Children (opt.)
God bless the winds and the waters of the

God bless the winds and the waters of the
waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean, so they will not so much hurt and destroy.
God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean, so they will not
May they give life...

so much hurt and destroy...

scherzo
Children (opt.)

heal the world. Give us the cour-age to try.

We will work to save the world.

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Fls.

Picc.

Bssns.

Tuba

S.D.

Susp.

Bass Cl.

BÓ Cls.

BÓ Tpts.

Trbs.

Hns. (F)

B¹ Cls.

Bass

Cello

Vla.
Children (opt.)

wa-ter. We will work to save the air.

We will teach our child-ren's child- ren to han-dle earth with

wa-ter. We will work to save the air.

wa-ter. We will work to save the air.

wa-ter. We will work to save the air.

wa-ter. We will work to save the air.
God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow.
flow clean, so they will not so much hurt and des-troy, but give life and hope.
God bless the winds and the waters of the

Children (opt.)

S

A

T

B

Vlas. 1

Vla. 2

Cello

Bass
God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean, so they will not so much hurt and destroy.
BÓ Cls.
Bssns.
BÓ Bass Cl.
Trbs.
Vlns.
Cello
Bass
I. Please Don't Let Them Die

Please don't let them die; please help them, will you try?

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II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

\[ \text{\textit{mf}} \]

\[ \text{\textit{poco rit.}} \]

\[ \text{\textit{a tempo}} \]

\[ \text{\textit{rit.}} \]
God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow.
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1st and 2nd Oboes

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\[ j = 60 \]

\[ \text{cog: Violin I} \]

\[ \text{cue: Flutes (unis.)} \]

\[ \text{play} \]

\[ \text{cresc.} \]

\[ \text{a tempo} \]

\[ \text{cog: Voices (play)} \]

\[ \text{poco rit.} \]

\[ \text{when the children shall be safe.} \]
II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World
We will teach our children's children to handle earth with

(uns.)

I: solo

(uns.)

(uns.)

(uns.)

f

ff

(uns.)

(uns.)

f
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1st and 2nd B♭ Clarinets - 4
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Fa-ther, I need to ex-plain to you.

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II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

1st and 3rd Horns in F - 3

cue: Voices
troy, but give life and hope.

but give life and hope.

(troy) but give life and hope.

(troy) but give life and hope.

(troy) but give life and hope.

but give life and hope.
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II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

2nd and 4th Horns in F - 3
II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World
II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

(cue: Violin I)
2nd and 3rd B♭ Trumpets - 3

cue: Horns I & III

(f)

(cresc.)
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1st, 2nd, and 3rd Trombones

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II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World
God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean, so they will not so much hurt and destroy, so much hurt and destroy.
II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

Give us the knowledge to heal the world.

Give us the courage to try.
II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

Percussion I - 2

\[ \text{slower a tempo} \]

\[ \text{poco rit.} \]
I. Please Don't Let Them Die

\[ j = 60 \]

\[
\begin{align*}
[1-4] & \quad \text{susp. cym.} \\
[7-8] & \quad \text{soft mallets} \\
[9-12] & \quad \text{poco rit.} \\
[15-16] & \quad \text{più rit.}
\end{align*}
\]

**Children—there are other children.**

\[
\begin{align*}
[74-80] & \quad \text{susp. cym.} \\
[81-86] & \quad \text{soft mallets} \\
[89-90] & \quad \text{snare sticks}
\end{align*}
\]

**Children—there are many children.**

\[
\begin{align*}
[93-98] & \quad \text{susp. cym.} \\
[101-102] & \quad \text{poco rit.} \\
[104-107] & \quad \text{più rit.}
\end{align*}
\]

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Percussion II - 2

II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

\[ \text{ mf to snare drum} \]

\[ \text{ to susn. cym. with snare sticks} \]

\[ \text{ mp} \]

\[ \text{ Giving us the knowledge to heal the world} \]

\[ \text{ mp to susn. cym.} \]

\[ \text{ susn. cym. with snare sticks} \]

\[ \text{ f} \]

\[ \text{ Giving us the courage to} \]

\[ \text{ susn. cym. (snare sticks)} \]

\[ \text{ soft mallets} \]

\[ \text{ to susn. cym.} \]
Percussion III

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I. Please Don't Let Them Die

\[ j = 60 \]

\[ \begin{align*}
&\text{p pp} \hspace{1cm} \text{mp pp} \\
&\text{p pp} \hspace{1cm} \text{mp pp} \\
&\text{p pp} \hspace{1cm} \text{mp pp} \\
\end{align*} \]

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II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World
II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World
Please Don't Let Them Die

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\[ j = 60 \]

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Cello

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II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

\[ j = 96 \]

\[ p \]

\[ mf \]

\[ mp \]

\[ arco \]

\[ leggiero \]

\[ div. \]

\[ unis. \]

\[ pizz. \]
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SATB score with piano accompaniment
PRAYERS OF THE CHILDREN
for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied*

I. Please Don't Let Them Die

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*Orchestration also available
Father, I'm sorry to bother you.

Father, I'm sorry to trouble you.

But Father, I need to talk to you.

And Father, I need to explain to you.
CHILDREN (div.) (or divisi women)

SOPRANO

ALTO

I don’t ask for myself; please will you hear my

prayer?

CHILDREN and WOMEN (unis.)

there are other children.

Children—
there are many children.

Hunger—

young—

they know much hunger, and

haunted—

they are touched by hatred.

CHILDREN and
WOMEN (div.)

Please don’t let them die; please
help them, will you try?

Where is the love that brought them forth to life?

Where is the love that brought them forth to the world, that brought them life? Where is the
self-less-ness that cares for another man's child,
cares for a child, for a child that has no home?

Give him the strength and the will to survive,
and the hope for a kind-er way, bet-ter day, dim. mf

when the child-ren shall be safe.

when the child-ren

BASS
Father, I’m sorry to bother you.

But Father, I need to talk to you.

and Father, I need to explain to you.
I don’t ask for my self; please will you hear my prayer?

Orphans--there are many orphans.
Run-a-ways—there are many
cresc.

run-a-ways.

they know much hunger, and hated—
cresc.
they are touched by hatred.

Please don’t let them die; please help them, will you try?

Where is the

ADULTS

SOPRANO f

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Where is the
love that brought them forth to the world, that

life? Where is the self-less-ness that
cares for another man’s child, that cares for another man’s

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child, for a child, for a child that has no home?

Give him the strength and the will to survive, and the hope for a kinder way,
unis. sop. for a better day, for a time, we pray, when the

better day, time, we pray, dim. mp

when the children shall be

slower

when the children

slower

a tempo

safe.

a tempo

rit.

dim. p

rit.

dim. p
II. God Bless the Winds and the Waters of the World

God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean, so they will not so much hurt and destroy, so much hurt and destroy,
but give life and hope.

God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean, so they will not...
will not so much hurt and destroy, so much hurt and destroy,

so much hurt and destroy, so much hurt and destroy,

but give life and hope.

but give life and hope.

CHILDREN (or unison women)

Give us the knowledge to heal the world.
Give us the courage to try.

We will work to save the water.

We will work to save the water.

 CHILDREN and WOMEN (div.)

We will teach our children's children to
cresc.

cresc.
handle earth with care.

God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow.
flow clean, so they will not so much hurt and des-
clean, so they will not so much hurt and des-troy,
troy, so much hurt and des- troy, but give life and_
so much hurt and des-troy, but give life and hope.
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SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean, so they will not

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May they give life

will not so much hurt and destroy, so much hurt and destroy,

so much hurt and destroy, so much hurt and destroy,
life and hope, and

troy, but give life and hope, and

but give life and hope, hope, and

CHILDREN (or unison women)

hope. Give us the knowledge to

hope. Give us the knowledge to

hope. Give us the knowledge to
heal the world.

Give us the courage to try.

We will work to save the water.

We will work to save the

CHILDREN and WOMEN (div.)

MEN (div.)
We will teach our children's air. We will teach our children's cresc. We will teach our children's cresc.

We will teach our children's cresc.

We will teach our children's cresc.

We will teach our children's cres.

We will teach our children's cresc.

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We will teach our children's cresc.

We will teach our children's cresc. 287
God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean, so they will not so much hurt and destroy.

God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean, so they will not so much hurt and destroy.
troy, so much hurt and destroy,
but give life and hope.

so much hurt and destroy,
but give life and hope.

God bless the winds and the waters of the
God bless the winds and the waters of the
God bless the winds and the waters of the world. May they always blow free and flow clean so they will not so much hurt and destroy,

women and children.

May they give
May they give life. 

May they give life. 

so much hurt and destroy, so much hurt and destroy, 

May they give life and destroy, 

so much hurt and destroy, but give life and hope, 

May they give life and destroy, 

but give life and hope, 

so much hurt and destroy, 

but give life and hope, 

so much hurt and destroy, 

but give life and hope, 

so much hurt and destroy, 

but give life and hope, 

so much hurt and destroy, 

but give life and hope,
hope, and

life, and

hope, and

life, and

hope, and

life, and

hope, and

life, and

life. Amen.