

AND IT IS GOOD

For SAB Chorus and Organ

Lyrics by Jason Charnesky
Music by Bruce Trinkley

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*I traveled through a distant land
Where none there spoke my native tongue.
And all around
There came the sound
Of speech I could not understand --
 But I knew that it was beautiful
 And I knew that it made sense:
 Ree-key-ree-cah, tee-pee-pee-pah, see-see-pa-pa
And though I could not understand,
I knew that speech was good.*

*I often walk into the woods
Where stream and breeze and birds all sing
Out Nature's song
Clear, loud and long.
And though I do not understand
 Still I know that it is beautiful
 And I know that it makes sense:
 Oo-oo-oo-oh, Oo-oo-oo-oh, Oo-oo-oo-oh
 [Like the sound of Nature]
And though I do not understand
I know that Nature's good.*

*And everyday, on every side,
Unseen by me God's angels guide.
And praise to God
Angelic lauds
Too pure for human hearts to bear.
 But I know that they are beautiful
 And I know the world makes sense.
 Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia!
And though I don't yet understand
I know that God is good.*

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Largo con moto $\text{♩} = 60$

Manual

mp

Pedal

4 *poco rit. a tempo*

7 *mp solo or tutti*

Sop. I trav-eled through a dis - tant land Where none there spoke my na - tive tongue.

9 *mf*

Sop. And all a - round There came the sound Of speech I could not un - der-stand.

11 *mp tutti*

But I knew that it was beau-ti - ful. I knew that it made sense: _____

p

Oo _____

p

Oo _____

11 *mp*

p

14

Oo _____

Oo _____

mp

Oo _____

mp

Oo _____

14

mp

Oo _____

17 *mp cresc.* And though I could not un - der - stand,

p Oo

p Oo

17 *p*

19 *mf* I knew that speech was good. I knew that speech was good.

Oo

dim.

I knew that speech was good.

19 *mp* *mf* *div.* *p*

22

p Sing

p Sing

mp *cresc.*

I of - ten walk in - to the woods Where stream and breeze and birds all sing

22

cresc.

24

cresc. *f* *p*

out na - ture's song, sing out na - ture's song, _____ Clear, _____ loud and long. And

cresc. *f* *p*

out na - ture's song, sing out na - ture's song, _____ Clear, _____ loud and long. And

f *p*

Out Na - ture's song _____ Clear, loud and long. _____ And

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though I do not un-der-stand Still I know that it is beau - ti - ful.

though I do not un-der-stand Still I know that it is beau - ti - ful.

though I do not un-der-stand I know that it is

26

p

p

p

26

p

29

I know that it makes sense: Oh

I know that it makes sense: sense: Oh

beau - ti - ful. I know that it makes sense: Oh

29

pp

pp

pp

29

pp

32 *f* Ah _____

32 *f* Ah _____

32 *f* Ah _____

32 *f* *ritenuto* *mp*

32 *f*

32

Rubato ed espressivo

35 *mp cresc.* *f*

And though I do not un - der - stand I know that Na - ture's good. _____

35 *mp cresc.* *f*

And though I do not un - der - stand I know that Na - ture, I know that Na - ture's

35 *mp cresc.* *f*

And though I do not un - der - stand I know that Na - ture's good. _____

35

37 *rit. e dim.* *a tempo* *mp*

I know that Na - ture's good. And ev'-ry-day, on ev'-ry side,

good, I know that Na-ture is good. And ev'-ry-day, on ev'-ry, ev' - ry

div. *mp*

I know that Na - ture's good. And ev'-ry-day, on ev'-ry side,

37 *rit. e dim.* *a tempo* *p* *mp*

40 *cresc.* *f*

Un-seen by me God's an - gels guide. And praise to God An - gel - ic lauds

side, Un - seen by me an - gels guide. And praise to God An - gel lauds

cresc. *f*

Un-seen by me God's an - gels guide. An - gel - ic lauds

40 *cresc.* *f*

42 *sub. p* *mp*

Too pure for hu - man hearts to bear. I know that they are beau - ti - fu.l

sub. p *mp*

Too pure for hu - man hearts to bear. I know that they are beau - ti - fu.l

sub. p *mp*

Too pure for hu - man hearts to bear. I know that they are beau - ti - fu.l

44 *cresc.* *f*

I know the world makes sense. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

cresc. *f*

I know the world makes sense. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

cresc. *f*

I know the world makes sense. Al - le - lu - ia,

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ff

al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

ff

al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ff

al - le - lu - ia, _____ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

46

ff

49

ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

div.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

unis. p

Oo _____

p

ia! _____ al - le - lu - ia! Oo _____

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mp

52 *mp* And though I don't yet un - der - stand *mf* I know that God is good.
cresc.

cresc. *mf* I know that God is

54 *f allarg.* I know that God is good. *a tempo*

f I know that God is good.

f good. God is good.

54 *allarg.* *a tempo*

f