# Harvest Due

#### for TTBB Voices, optional Solo Voice and Piano

## Lyrics by Roger Cornish

## Music by Bruce Trinkley

HARVEST DUE from *The Bicentennial Wagon Train Show* (1976)

My father planted justice, wrote law in lines of gold That said all men are equal and no man shall be sold. But he never lived to see his harvest fully grown, So we must bend our shoulders to bring his harvest home.

My mother planted courage and watered it with tears. She willed it to her children to nurture through the years. On a wagon rolling west she gave her children birth, So we must match her spirit to deserve our mothers' earth.

> Blow wind and shake the trees. Come down, sweet summer rain. Blow wind, sweep cross the plain, There's a harvest coming due.

Our parents planted freedom and worked to make it green. They tried to give us something the world had never seen. But they're not here anymore. we're standing all alone. Courage, justice, freedom, we must harvest on our own.

To celebrate the nation's Bicentennial in 1976, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania presented a Conestoga wagon to each of the 50 states. These wagons became the lead wagons of 5 Wagon Trains which crossed the United States converging on Valley Forge, PA on July 4, 1976. Each Wagon Train travelled approximately 20 miles a day and had a performing group that presented an evening show at each encampment along the way.

Harvest Due was the principal anthem of these performances and was the hallmark message of the Wagon Train Show.

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Folk Anthem for TTBB Chorus, optional Solo Voice and Keyboard

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