

An Analysis of Nicole Dieker's *I Wish You Peace*

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Voicing: SATB a cappella

Music and Text: Nicole Dieker

Language: English

Harmonic Language: Tonal (Db Major)

Duration: 1 ½ Minutes

Date of Composition: 2006 (from SSAA Version (2001))

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Composer Bio:

NICOLE DIEKER

Nicole Dieker, born November 4, 1981, represents a contemporary group of budding American composers. Nicole is currently a graduate student at Illinois State University, and wrote this piece while an undergraduate music composition student at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. This composition was written for the Miami University Choraliers, for whom Nicole was both vocalist and accompanist.

Notes:

She wrote *I Wish You Peace* for the Choraliers in the spring of 2001 for SSAA a cappella choir. In 2006, she had requests for a SATB edition. This request enabled her to reharmonize the work for mixed choir.

It is a secular benediction specifically designed to celebrate the diversity so apparent in today's choral ensembles. It is particularly appropriate for high school as well as for college and university ensembles. *I Wish You Peace* is written for four-part voices (treble or mixed) with a brief additional descant.

Form:

- A ms. 1 -13
- A' ms. 14 – 20

Theme:

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is labeled 'Soprano' and features a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a common time signature. The music begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The lyrics under this staff are: 'I wish you peace in your home, in your heart, in the world and'. The bottom staff is labeled 'S' and also features a treble clef, the same key signature, and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The lyrics under this staff are: 'morn - ing glo - ry morn - ings, and mis - ty twi - lights,'. Both staves include slurs over the melodic lines.

Tessitura:

Soprano	Ab3 – F5
Alto	Ab3 – Eb5
Tenor	Ab3 – F4
Bass	C2 – Eb4

Text:

I wish you peace in your home, in your heart, in the world
And morning glory mornings, and misty twilights,
And love in your home, in your heart, in the world
And friendship, and ever laughter forever happiness, contentment,
Joy! Forgiveness and music.

I wish you music in your home, in your heart, in the world
For now and evermore, until we meet again.

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