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To Sit and Dream

For SATB div. and Piano

Duration: ca. 5:00

Words from "To You" by LANGSTON HUGHES

Music by ROSEPHANYE POWELL

Tenderly, moderately slow (♩ = ca 60)

The musical score is written for SATB choir and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked *pp* and *8va*. The piano part features a delicate arpeggiated accompaniment in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics "To sit and dream." in measure 5, also marked *pp*. The score continues with piano accompaniment and vocal lines for the lyrics "To sit and read. To sit and learn a-bout the world." in measures 6-8. The piano part includes dynamic markings like *8va* and *8va* throughout. The score concludes with a final piano accompaniment section in measures 9-11.

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Soprano
To sit and dream. To sit and read. To sit and learn a - bout the

Alto
To sit and dream. To sit and read. To sit and learn a - bout the

Tenor *pp*
8 To sit and dream. To sit and read. To sit and learn a - bout the

Bass *pp*
To sit and dream. To sit and read. To sit and learn a - bout the

world. *p* To sit and dream. To sit and read.

world. *p* To sit and dream. To sit and read.

world. *p* To sit and dream. To sit and read.

world. *p* To sit and dream. To sit and read.

TO SIT AND DREAM – SATB

To sit and learn about the world.

To sit and learn about the world.

To sit and learn about the world.

To sit and learn about the world.

15

cresc. *R.H.*

Lea. * *Lea.* *

18 *mp*

Out-side our world of here and now. Out-side our world, our prob-lem

Out-side our world, our prob-lem

Out-side our world, out-side our world, out-side our world, our prob-lem

Out-side our world, our prob-lem

18

mp *R.H.*

Lea. * *Lea.* *

TO SIT AND DREAM – SATB

world, our prob - lem world.

world, our prob - lem world.

world, our prob - lem world.

world, our prob - lem *a little louder* Out - side our world of here and

20

R.H.

Out - side our world of here and now. Out - side our world, our prob - lem

Out - side our world of here and now, our prob - lem

Out - side our world, out - side our world, out - side our world, our prob - lem

now. Out - side our world, our prob - lem

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R.H.

R.H.

TO SIT AND DREAM – SATB

world, ——— our prob-lem world. *f* To

world, ——— our prob-lem world. *f* To

world, ——— our prob-lem world.

world, ——— our prob-lem world.

24 *cresc.* *R.H.* *R.H.* 3 3

Rea * *Rea* *

27 With passion *in a declamative manner*

dream of vast ho-ri-zons of the soul, un-

dream of vast ho-ri-zons of the soul,

f Of dreams made whole. ———

f Of dreams made whole. ———

27 With passion

f

*pleadingly
expressive rest only
don't breathe*

fet-tered, free. Help me, help me. All you who are dream - ers too.
 Help me, help me. All you who are dream - ers too.
 Help me, help me. All you who are dream - ers too. You who are dream - ers.
 All you who are dream - ers too. You who are dream - ers.

Help me make our world a - new.
 Help me make our world a - new.
 Help me make our world a - new. I reach out my hand to
 Help me make our world a - new. I reach out my hand to

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p I reach out my hand to

you. I reach out my hand to you.

you. I reach out my hand to you.

34

mp I reach out my hand to

you. I reach out my hand to you.

pp *p* I reach out my hand to you. *pp* *p* I reach out my hand to

pp *p* I reach out my hand to you. *pp* *p* I reach out my hand to

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mf I reach out my hand to you. I reach out my hand to you.

you. I reach out my hand to you. I reach out my hand to

pp *p*

you. I reach out my hand to you.

pp *p*

you. I reach out my hand to you.

41

40

you, to

I reach out my hand to you, to

hand to you, to

I reach out my hand to you. I reach out my hand. I reach out my hand to

I reach out my hand to you. I reach out my hand. I reach out my hand to

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Leg. *Leg.*

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you. *pp*

you. *pp*

you. I reach out my hand. I reach out my hand. *pp*

you. I reach out my hand. I reach out my hand. *pp*

46 *Sea* * *Sea* *Sea*

pp

50

To sit and dream. To sit and read. To sit and learn a-bout the

To sit and dream. To sit and read. To sit and learn a-bout the

50 *8va*

TO SIT AND DREAM – SATB

world. To sit and dream. To sit _____ and read.

world. To sit and dream. To sit _____ and read.

pp
To sit and dream. To sit _____ and read.

pp
To sit and dream. To sit _____ and read.

(8^{va})

To sit _____ and learn a - bout the world.

To sit _____ and learn a - bout the world.

To sit _____ and learn a - bout the world.

To sit _____ and learn a - bout the world.

56

p

Ad. *

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To sit and learn a - bout the world.

To sit and learn a - bout the world.

To sit and learn a - bout the world.

To sit and learn a - bout the world.

58

mp *slight rit.*
To sit and dream.

mp *slight rit.*
To sit and dream.

mp *slight rit.*
To sit and dream.

mp *slight rit.*
To sit and dream.

mp *slight rit.* *p* *pp*
To sit and dream.

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