

I AM POWER
Burrows

SATB, unaccompanied

WW1866

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SATB with Solo and Djembe

Music & Lyrics by
Mark Burrows

About the Work

To all the young people—I believe with all my heart that you are our next great generation. You have seen, experienced, and overcome so much. You are compassionate. You are resilient. You are more powerful than you may know.

A few years ago my teenage daughters took me to my first protest march. It was a march in response to yet another tragic school shooting. The young people in the march were at the front, leading the way. The rest of us—parents, friends, teachers, advocates—followed. There were loud songs and chants, but every once in a while, those would give way to the sound of the marching itself—thousands of feet hitting the pavement over and over and over. It was so persistent, so purposeful. It was the sound of people on a mission to demand meaningful change.

Never in a million years will I ever have the musical ability to create a sound as powerful as that.

Friends, I'm in awe of your humanity, and I'm grateful to you for leading the way.

With gratitude and humility. -Mark

I Am Power

I'm the whisper of hope in a wounded world.
I'm the change whose time has come.
I'm the rumble of thunder before the rain.
I'm the beat of a distant drum.

And I am peace, I am purpose, I am power.

I'm the drop of rain holding a might wave.
I'm the turning of the tide.
I'm the glimmer of truth lighting up the night.
I'm the seed with a tree inside.

And I am peace, I am purpose, I am power.

Knocked down seven times, get up eight.
Nothing's gonna keep me down.
I'm the word, I'm the song, I'm the righting of the wrong.
I'm the heart where love is found.

I'm the open hand ready to help and heal.
I'm the feet that will never tire.
I'm the daring dream that can never die.
I'm the spark of an inner fire.

And I am peace, I am purpose, I am power.

About the Composer

Mark Burrows is a composer, conductor, and educator whose music is published by many major houses. Mark's works are featured on numerous state and festival lists, and he receives multiple commissions each year for groups ranging from children's choirs to adult ensembles to intergenerational festival choirs. As a conductor and educator, Mark serves as a guest clinician with honor and festival choirs throughout the country. He also leads workshops and reading sessions at several state and national conferences each year.

Mark received his undergraduate degree in music education from Southern Methodist University and his graduate degree in conducting from Texas Christian University.

Mark is currently Director of Children's Ministries at FUMC, Fort Worth. He lives in Fort Worth, Texas with his wife, Nina, and their daughters, Emma and Grace.

Duration: Approx. 3:00

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SATB with Solo (or Descant) and Djembe*

MARK BURROWS (b. 1971)

With simmering intensity (♩ = 88 - 92)

Djembe

mp
This one-measure heartbeat pattern may be reinforced with chest pats from the choir, making sure to observe the stops at measure 58 and measures 66-67. Another option is to have the chest pats stop at the downbeat of measure 35 and re-enter at measure 44.

Soprano Alto

mp
I'm the whis-per of hope in a

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wound-ed world. I'm the change whose time has come. I'm the

7

rum-ble of thun-der be-fore the rain. I'm the beat of a dis-tant drum,

10

And I am peace. I am pur- pose. I am

S

mp I am

T

mp #8 8 I am

* A separate djembe part is found on pages 10 and 11.

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power. _____



power. _____ And I am peace, I am pur - pose. I am



power. _____ And I am peace, I am pur - pose, I am

17

*mf*

power. _____ I'm the drop of rain hold - ing a might - y wave. I'm the

*mf*

power. _____ I am peace, I am pur - pose,

21



turn - ing of the tide. I'm the glim - mer of truth light - ing



I am power, I am power. I am peace

24



up the night. I'm the seed with a tree in - side, And I am peace,



I am pur - pose, I am power, I am power. And I am peace,

27

cresc.

cresc.

I am pur - pose, I am power. And I am peace,

cresc.

I am pur - pose, I am power. And I am peace,

31

I am pur - pose, I am power. I am pow - er.

I am pur - pose, I am power. I am pow - er.

35

f

f

Knocked down sev-en times, get up eight. Noth-ing's gon-na keep me down.

f

Knocked down, get up, get up eight. Noth-ing's gon-na keep me,

38

I'm the word, I'm the song, I'm the right-ing of the wrong. I'm the

keep me down. I'm the word, the song, the right-ing of the wrong. I'm the

41

S heart where love is found.

A heart where love is found, where love is found. I'm the

T heart where love is found, where love is found.

B heart where love is found, where love is found. I'm the

44

I am peace, I am pur - pose I am,

o - pen hand read - y to help and heal. I'm the feet that will nev - er tire.

Pow - er, pow - er, I am,

o - pen hand read - y to help and heal. I'm the feet that will nev - er tire.

47

I am pow - er. I am peace, I am pur - pose,
I'm the dar - ing dream that can nev - er die. I'm the
I am pow - er. Pow - er, pow - er,
I'm the dar - ing dream that can nev - er die. I'm the

50

I am power. And I am peace, I am
spark of an in - ner fire. And I am peace, I am
I am power. And I am peace, I am
spark of an in - ner fire. And I am peace, I am

53

Djem. *cresc.*

S
A *cresc.*
pur - pose, I am power. And I am peace,
cresc.

T
B
pur - pose, I am power. And I am peace,

56 *rit.*

Djem. *ff*

Solo *mp*
I am

S
A *ff*
I am pur - pose,

T
B *ff*
I am pur - pose,

59 *a tempo*

mp

power. I am, I am power.

p
I am peace, I am pur - pose, I am power,

p
I am peace, I am pur - pose, I am power,

62

I am power. I am peace, I am purpose,

65

power. I am power.

68

Power.

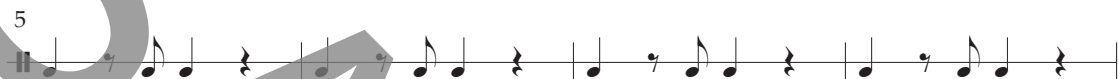
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33

f

37

41

45

49

53

cresc. *rit.* *ff*

57

mp a tempo

61

66

p *pp*

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