Give Us Hope

JIM PAPOULIS

Journals — OF A BETTER WORLD

BOOSEY CHAWKES



NOTES FROM THE COMPOSER

Give Us Hope is from the project SOUNDS OF A BETTER WORLD-small voices calling, a series of songs focusing on children, which examines their world and how small steps can be made to improve it. When this journey began for me, I was very disturbed to learn of various incidents around the world where children were subjected to adverse conditions. I began to wonder how they could possibly develop into caring, responsible adults, with such hardship defining their childhood. As I read more and explored our attitudes as a society toward children, I began to feel that we, (as Dr, Martin Luther King Jr. said) "... must ask ourselves how responsible we are for the well-being of others..." Do we have the courage to feel responsible? What ideals do we strive for? How can we find innovative ways in which the personal and social problems of childhood can be overcome? Can music be utilized as a potential bridge to reach out and address these issues?

What I have come to understand is that we must send the best part of ourselves into the future through our children. If we want society to evolve, we need to understand the importance of childhood, and how vital our role should be in doing whatever we can to nurture every child.

We should all be aware of our powerful influence on their minds. Through the incredible journey that *Sounds of A Better World* has taken me on, I hope to have somehow addressed these issues and to have embraced the joy that children can bring to this world.

TEXT

Listen to the sound of my voice

Can you feel the beat of my heart?

Listen to the questions I have.

Listen to me. It's all very simple to see what we need.

Give us hope. My voice is calling.

Can you see? Look in my eyes.

Can you feel? My hand is reaching.

Give us hope and we'll show you the way.

DURATION

Ca. 3 minutes

ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Jim Papoulis has a distinctive musical style that combines contemporary sounds with musical traditions from around the globe. Traveling worldwide, Papoulis works with international artists and ensembles in order to explore and create a sound for a global community. This multicultural sound has become the cornerstone of his works for choirs, orchestras, and ensembles.

Everywhere Papoulis travels, he actively immerses himself in the local music, instruments, and culture, gaining the ability to incorporate these diverse elements gracefully into his work. His choral compositions often seem to reflect the personal, inner perspectives of those who sing them, enabling his music to create a bridge of honest feeling and inspiration between singer and listener. His song writing workshops with children from all walks of life give him a big source of inspiration, as he listens to the voices and thoughts of the future.

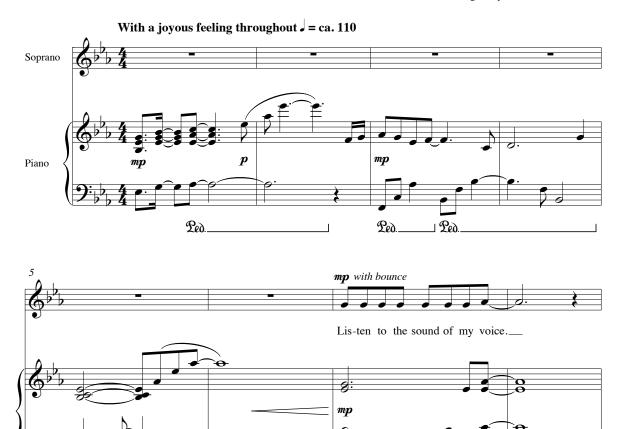
Mp3's of individual parts can be found at: www.foundationforsmallvoices.org or www.jimpapoulis.com

GIVE US HOPE

an International project celebrating the hope that children present to the world Unison with optional descant and Piano

Lyrics by Papoulis/Schaff/Urbach

Music by Jim Papoulis Arranged by Francisco J. Nuñez





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