

# Take This Gift

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TRACY WONG  
SATB version arr. CHERIE CHAI

**Joyfully** ♩ = 120

DRUM\* 

SOPRANO *mf*  
My feet are root-ed to the ground *oh*

ALTO *mf*  
My feet are root-ed to the ground *oh*

TENOR *mf*  
My feet are root-ed to the ground *oh*

BASS *mf*  
My feet are root-ed to the ground *oh*

PIANO **Joyfully** ♩ = 120  
*mp*  


\*The drum part may be performed by cajón, djembe, or any similar hand percussion instrument. Drum patterns have been notated, but percussionists are encouraged to add embellishments or to improvise around them.

The work features a particular light-hearted vocal play motif—‘la la li la lay’—that is usually heard in ‘Canggung’, a Malay folk song. In this piece the ‘la la li la lay’ is often sung as ‘l-la la l-la la li la lay’, wherein the first ‘l’ in ‘l-la’ is a sung consonant. A demonstration of this may be found on the rehearsal/learning tracks available from the composer’s website <[www.tracywongmusic.com](http://www.tracywongmusic.com)>.

Duration: 3 mins

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l - la la l - la la li la lay ah

l - la la l - la la li la lay My voice is soar-ing in the skies

l - la la l - la la li la lay My voice is soar-ing in the skies

l - la la l - la la li la lay My voice is soar-ing in the skies

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l - la la l - la la li la I am

l - la la l - la la li la I am

l - la la l - la la li la I am

l - la la l - la la li la I am

10

tied to the past, beautifully tangled with you

tied to the past, beautifully tangled with you

tied to the past, beautifully tangled with you

tied to the past, beautifully tangled with you

*mf*

13

Hand in hand we look to the

Hand in hand we look to the

Hand in hand we look to the,

Hand in hand we look to the

16

*f*

stars, to the stars.\_\_\_\_ Here, take this gift It's not

stars, to the stars.\_\_\_\_ Here, take this gift It's not

to the stars.\_\_\_\_ Here, take this gift It's not

stars.\_\_\_\_ Here, take this gift It's not

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mine to\_ keep.\_\_\_\_ Here, take this gift Share it

mine to\_ keep.\_\_\_\_ Here, take this gift Share it

mine to\_ keep.\_\_\_\_ Here, take this gift Share it

mine to\_ keep.\_\_\_\_ Here, take this gift Share it

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far so all\_ may know, \_ Let our love\_ for sing - ing grow..

far so all\_ may know, \_ Let our love\_ for sing - ing grow..

far so all\_ may know, \_ Let our love\_ for sing - ing grow..

far so all\_ may know, \_ Let our love\_ for sing - ing grow..

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la la\_ li la lay

la la\_ li la lay

la la\_ li la lay

la la\_ li la lay

31

*p*  
 la la... li la  
*p*  
 la la... li la  
*p*  
 la la... li la lay la la... li la  
 la la... li la lay la la... li la

34

*cresc.*  
 lay la la... li la lay la la... li la lay My feet are  
*cresc.*  
 lay la la... li la lay la la... li la lay My feet are  
*cresc.*  
 lay la la... li la lay la la... li la lay My feet are  
*cresc.*  
 lay la la... li la lay la la... li la lay My feet are

*mf*

root-ed to the ground *oh* l-la la l-la la li la lay My voice is

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root-ed to the ground *oh* l-la la l-la la li la lay My voice is

root-ed to the ground *oh* l-la la l-la la li la lay My voice is

*ah* l-la la l-la la li la

soar-ing in the skies l-la la l-la la li la

soar-ing in the skies l-la la l-la la li la

soar-ing in the skies l-la la l-la la li la

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I am tied to the past, beau-ti-ful-ly  
 I am tied to the past, beau-ti-ful-ly  
 I am tied to the past, beau-ti-ful-ly  
 I am tied to the past, beau-ti-ful-ly

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tan-gled with you Hand in hand we look to the  
 tan-gled with you Hand in hand we look to the  
 tan-gled with you Hand in hand we look to the,  
 tan-gled with you Hand in hand we look to the



drum solo (improvised)

51

stars, to the stars..

stars, to the stars..

to the stars.

stars.

*mf*

*p*

55

We are branch-es, in - ter - twined.

lay la la... li la... lay la la... li la... lay la la... li la

lay la la... li la... lay la la... li la... lay la la... li la

In - de - pend - ent, in - ter - twined.

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

59

*mp*  
*mp*  
 lay la la— li la— lay la la— li la Spread-ing warmth, daz-zling bright.  
*mp*  
 ah— Spread-ing warmth, daz-zling bright.  
*mp*  
 We are sun - light— Spread-ing warmth, daz-zling bright.  
*mp*  
 lay la la— li la— lay la la— li la Spread-ing warmth, daz-zling bright.

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*f*  
*f*  
 Here, take this gift It's not mine to— keep.—  
*f*  
 Here, take this gift It's not mine to— keep.—  
*f*  
 la la— li la— lay la la— li la— lay la la— li la— lay oh—  
*f*  
 la la— li la— lay la la— li la— lay la la— li la— lay oh—

Here, take this gift Share it far so all may know, -  
 Here, take this gift Share it far so all may know, -  
 — la la li la lay Share it far so all may know, -  
 — la la li la lay Share it far so all may know, -

Let our love for sing - ing grow.  
 Let our love for sing - ing grow.  
 Let our love for sing - ing grow.  
 Let our love for sing - ing grow.

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*clap on beats 2 and 4 until bar 91*

Here, take this gift It's not mine to keep.

*clap on beats 2 and 4 until bar 91*

Here, take this gift It's not mine to keep.

*clap on beats 2 and 4 until bar 91*

la la li la lay la la li la lay la la li la lay oh

*clap on beats 2 and 4 until bar 91*

la la li la lay la la li la lay la la li la lay oh

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Here, take this gift Share it far so all may know,-

Here, take this gift Share it far so all may know,-

la la li la lay Share it far so all may know,-

la la li la lay Share it far so all may know,-

81

Let our love\_ for sing - ing grow.

Let our love\_ for sing - ing grow.

Let our love\_ for sing - ing grow.

Let our love\_ for sing - ing grow.

84

*ff* *sub. p*  
We are branch-es, *p*  
In - de - pend - ent,

*ff* *sub. p*  
We are branch-es, *p*  
In - de - pend - ent,

87

*mp* *mf cresc.*

*mp* *mf cresc.*

*mp* *mf cresc.*

*mp* *mf cresc.*

*mp* *mf*

we are branch-es, Let our love for  
in - ter - twined, Let our love for  
we are branch-es, Let our love for  
in - ter - twined, Let our love for

90

*f* *f* *ff*

(clapping ends)

*f* *ff*

(clapping ends)

*f* *ff*

(clapping ends)

*f* *ff*

(clapping ends)

*f*

sing - ing grow!  
sing - ing grow!  
sing - ing grow!  
sing - ing grow!