



Woodbury School
8th Grade
Winter Chorus Concert



Directed by Kristen Rayho
Accompanied by Heather Lobley

8th Grade, 7:00 PM
December 16th, 2024
SEIFERT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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"Yonder Come Day"

Arr. Judith Cook Tucker

"Yonder Come Day," is based on a traditional Georgia Sea Island Spiritual. While working on "Yonder Come Day," we learned about arranging, which is taking a song that already exists, but changing, altering, and organizing it differently. Judith Cook Tucker originally heard the *Sea Islanders* perform this song. She only borrowed one musical phrase "Yonder Come Day," and took fragments of inspiration leading her to create the foundation for her song. This song is about looking forward to a new day and feeling enlightened throughout your soul. I like this song because it makes me happy! It gives us all the motivation to get up after a bad day and make it better than before!

Program Notes by Emily Poirier

"Best Day of My Life"

American Authors, Arr. Audrey Snyder

"Best Day of My Life" was recorded by American Authors in 2012. This song means that even if you're having a bad day there's always a bright side to it. I really liked this song because I love all of the harmonies and the call and response part in the beginning. "Best Day of My Life" has been used many times in the media, ranging from movies like *Yes Day*, *Delivery Man*, and shows like *Glee*, and *The Eric Andre Show*. This song was also used in the closing of the 2016 United States Presidential Election. This song was written after a violent event took place. The band wanted to make a tune to make people happy. Barnett explained the song's meaning to *American Songwriter* magazine: "We wanted to tell this story of how no matter what's going on - whether you're stuck at your job or having a bad day - there's always an escape from that, and there's always a way to make any day the best day of your life."

Program Notes by Bryn Wasley and Alexa Petersen

"For a Moment"

Neil Hannon, Arr. Roger Emerson

"For a Moment" is from the 2023 musical-movie, *Wonka*. The famous actor Timothee Chamlet stars in this movie. This is a cheerful upbeat song that talks about the joy of living in Wonka's world and forgetting your problems for a moment. Something that was difficult for our class because we had to change the staff we were reading from in the middle of the song. There are also only two vocal parts. Our chorus class loves this song because of the unique lyrics and we're positive you will like it too!

Program Notes by Kourtney Carroll

"I Ask or One Day"

Words by Claire Latimer and Music by Jim Papoulis

The words to this song were written by 7th grader, Claire Latimer and the music by Jim Papoulis. The song is about wishing for one day of peace and hope. During class, we focused on learning the notes for the song using solfege. This was difficult to do, but I believe it helped our accuracy. I love the flow of the song. We sing softly because the song requests tranquility. You'll want to listen for when the baritones join us during the chorus and when the sopranos and altos separate during verses and the bridge. You'll also want to listen to how beautifully the voice parts blend together during the chorus. We hope you enjoy this song.

Program Notes by Sofia Perkins

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Alcantara Jr., Jereliz
Allen, Paige
Anderson, Emma
Arsenault, Katelynn
Barry, Matthew
Battles, Ethan
Berlin, Clara
Bevis, Madison
Blodgett, Robert
Bokuniewicz, Lia
Boucher, Charlotte
Bowes-Little, Aaliyah
Brennan, Adam
Burns, Caleb
Cano, Mersseidy
Cardinale, Nico
Carroll, Kourtney
Chase-White, Alexandra
Correale, Ashley
Cutuli, Emma
DeVitto, Briar
DiBella, Avery
Djuromscaia, Elizaveta
Donahue, Gracie
Dore, Nicholas
Duckett, Margaret
Dumdey, Lily
Espinosa, Ava
Evans, Jackson
Fazio, Sophia

Fitzsimons, Isabella
Forcier, Madison
Gacevic, Neila
Gagnon, Jake
Galvez Gonzalez, Sarah
Garcia, Aydrian
Garcia, Nathalia
Gordon, Aubrey
Gratini, Illyanna
Halpin, Angie
Higgins, Roean
Kalil, Avery
Kelly, Makenna
Klim, Emily
Kurczewski, Colin
Kurczewski, Declan
Lambert, Taylor
Lamothe, Isabella
Lebel, Kenzie
Long, Cali
Lopez Jimenez, Eleanmy
Loria Alicea, Aubrielle
Majid, Madeeha
Marino, Kenzie
Marsh, Addison
McMullen, Charles
Morris, Lila
Murphy, Brielle
Ortiz Polanco, Nayraliz
Otis, Nolan

Paschoal, Kyri
Peare, Phoenix
Peck, Ava
Pena, Tianalis
Perkins, Sofia
Perry, Lydia
Petersen, Alexa
Poirier, Emilie
Polanco, Amy
Polanco, Ana
Quinn, Shannon
Raskow, Mackenzie
Rathburn, Jada
Rivas, Karis
Roberge-Long, Kennadi
Rowley, Madelyn
Shamma, Allison
Sharkey, James
Sinot, Molly
Suarase, Isabelle
Thach, Tristan
Thornock, Willow
Tomaselli, Kaitlyn
Verge, Dalilah
Wasley, Bryn
White, Kensley
Whiting, Lila
Wisdom, Katirose
Yakey, Liam
Zemis, Zoe

Thank You!

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