

dedicated to the choirs at Charleston County School of the Arts, SC
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I CANNOT BE SILENT

for 2-part voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax CD*

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Thoughtfully (♩ = ca. 96-100)

PART I

PART II

PIANO

mp

mp

I can-not be si-lent.

Thoughtfully (♩ = ca. 96-100)

mp

5

mp

grad. cresc.

I can-not be si-lent. I can-not be

grad. cresc.

I can-not be si-lent.

grad. cresc.

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si - lent, be si - lent. For there is mu - sic. Yes, there is

I can-not be si - lent. For there is mu - sic. Yes, there is

12

mu - sic. There must be mu - sic in my

mu - sic. There must be mu - sic in my

rit.

15 A bit faster ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 108$)

life, my life, life, my life.

life, my life.

A bit faster ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 108$)

mf *decresc.*

19

mp (opt. solo)

From the sing-ing of the lark at dawn till the night-in-gale's fi - nal

mp

22

word.

(opt. solo) *mp*

Mu-sic fills the life of

25

ev - 'ry - one, if its mes-sage can just be heard.

28 *(tutti) mf* 29

I will sing. I will lift up my voice. I will

(tutti) mf

I will sing. I will lift up my voice. I will

mf

31

sing. I have no oth-er choice. My soul needs mel-o-dy. My heart needs

sing. I have no oth-er choice. My soul needs mel-o-dy. My heart needs

34

har-mo-ny. My life needs mu-sic.

har-mo-ny. My life needs mu-sic.

37

f
I can-not be si - lent, for I have a song that I must
f
I can-not be si - lent, for I have a song that I must

40

sing. I can-not be si - lent, while I
sing. I can-not be si - lent, while I

44

have the breath to let it ring. So,
have the breath to let it ring. So,

47

let the earth re - sound un - til the world has

let the earth re - sound un - til the world has

50

found we have a com-mon bond. We have one song.

found we have a com-mon bond. We have one song.

54

And we can - not be si - lent. *decresc.*

And we can - not be si - lent. *decresc.*

And we can - not be si - lent. *decresc.*

58

59

mp

In the pow-er of a sin - gle voice our con-

mp

61

vic-tions can be re - vealed.

mp

In the pow-er of a

mp

65

mf

sin - gle song our sor-rows can all be healed.

I will

mf

I will

mf

69

sing. I will lift up my voice. I will sing. I have
 sing. I will lift up my voice. I will sing. I have

mf

72

no oth-er choice. My soul needs mel-o-dy. My heart needs har-mo-ny. My life needs
 no oth-er choice. My soul needs mel-o-dy. My heart needs har-mo-ny. My life needs

75

77

mu - sic. I can-not be si - lent, for I
 mu - sic. I can-not be si - lent, for I

f

79

have a song that I must sing. I can-not be

have a song that I must sing. I can-not be

83

si - lent, while I have the breath to let it ring. So,

si - lent, while I have the breath to let it ring. So,

87

let the earth re - sound un - til the world has found we

let the earth re - sound un - til the world has found we

91

have a com-mon bond. We have one song.

have a com-mon bond. We have one song.

95

cresc. I can-not be si - lent. I can-not be si - lent.

cresc. I can-not be si - lent. I can-not be si - lent.

cresc.

99

rit. I can not be si - lent. I can sing! _____

ff I can-not be si - lent. I can sing! _____

rit. *ff*