

# THE WONDERFUL WORLD

for 2-part/S.S.A. voices and piano  
with optional SoundTrax CD\*

Words by  
**WILLIAM BRIGHTY RANDS** (1823-1882)

Music by  
**JANET GARDNER**

**Majestically** (♩ = ca. 76) *f*

PART I  
(Soprano I & II)

PART II  
(Alto)

PIANO

Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful

Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful

*f*

*f*

*f*

5

*molto rit.*

world! Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful

world! Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful

*molto rit.*

\* SoundTrax CD available (40046).

William Brighty Rands, known by many as “The Laureate of the Nursery,” is mostly remembered for his children’s verses and his 2-volume book on Chaucer’s England. Born to poor parents in Chelsea, South London, he was mainly self-educated. During his lifetime he worked in a warehouse, on stage, and as a clerk in an attorney’s office. Eventually, he was appointed as a reporter in the committee rooms of the House of Commons. Much of his writing was done under his 30-plus pseudonyms when Parliament was not in session. His largest output was essays, some of which were written specifically for children. Rands’ moralistic messages are told simply with a clear understanding of the child’s mind.

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9 With energy (♩ = ca. 92)

world! \_\_\_\_\_

world! \_\_\_\_\_

With energy (♩ = ca. 92)

decesc.

Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, with the

13

*mf*

*mf*

Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, with the

*mf*

Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, with the

*mf*

won-der-ful wa-ter 'round you curled, and the

won-der-ful wa-ter 'round you curled, \_\_\_\_\_ and the

won-der-ful wa-ter 'round you curled, \_\_\_\_\_ and the

20

won-der - ful grass up - on your crest. \_\_\_\_\_

won-der - ful grass up - on your crest. \_\_\_\_\_

23

World, \_\_\_\_\_ you are beau-ti - f'ly dressed. \_\_\_\_\_

World, \_\_\_\_\_ you are beau-ti - f'ly dressed \_\_\_\_\_ The

27

*mp*

Ah \_\_\_\_\_

won-der-ful air \_\_\_\_\_ is o - ver me, \_\_\_\_\_ and the

31

*Ah*

won-der - ful wind shakes the tree. \_\_\_\_\_ It

34

*Ah*

*mf*

and

walks on wa - ter and whips the mills,

37

talks to it - self \_\_\_\_\_ a - top the hills. \_\_\_\_\_

and talks to it - self a - top the hills. \_\_\_\_\_

*cresc.*

41

*f*  
Great, wide, beau-ti - ful, won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_

*f*  
Great, wide, beau-ti - ful, won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_

*f*

45

Great, wide, beau-ti - ful, won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_

Great, wide, beau-ti - ful, won-der-ful world, won-der-ful world.

49

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*decresc.*

53

*mf*

Friend - ly earth, how far do you go \_\_\_\_\_ with the

*mf*

Friend - ly earth, how far do you go, how far do you go with the

*mf*

57



fields that nod and riv - ers that flow? \_\_\_\_\_ With



riv - ers that flow? \_\_\_\_\_ With



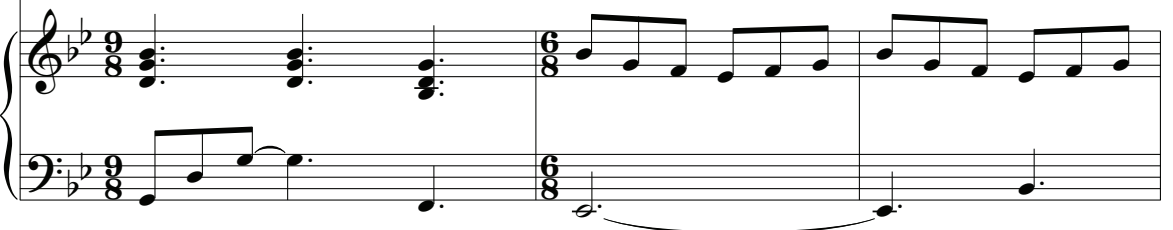
60



cit - ies, gar - dens, cliffs and isles, \_\_\_\_\_ and



cit - ies and isles, \_\_\_\_\_



63

peo-ple a-round \_\_\_\_\_ for miles and miles? \_\_\_\_\_  
 and peo-ple a-round for miles and miles? \_\_\_\_\_

*cresc.*

67

*f* Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_  
*f* Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_

*f*

Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Great, wide, beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful world, won-der-ful world.



75

*mf*

World, world, won-der-ful world, what a won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

79

*mf*

World, world, won-der-ful world, what a won-der-ful, \_\_\_\_\_

What a won-der-ful, \_\_\_\_\_

World, world, won-der-ful world, what a won-der-ful, \_\_\_\_\_

83

*decresc.*

what a won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_

what a won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_

*decresc.*

what a won-der-ful world. \_\_\_\_\_

*decresc.*



opt. SOLO  
(or small group)

*mp*

World, you are great \_\_\_\_\_ and I am so small. \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

\_\_\_\_\_ I trem-ble to think of you \_\_\_\_\_ at all. \_\_\_\_\_ And

yet, when I said my prayers to - day, \_\_\_\_\_ a

98 (end solo) ALL *mp*

whis-per in-side \_\_\_\_\_ me start-ed to say, \_\_\_\_\_ "You are *mp*

"You are

102

more than Earth, \_\_\_\_\_ though you're such a dot: \_\_\_\_\_ you can

more than Earth, \_\_\_\_\_ though you're such a dot: \_\_\_\_\_

106 *cresc.* *mf*

love and think, love and think, love \_\_\_\_\_ and think, you can

*cresc.* *mf*

love and think and love and think, you can

*cresc.* *mf*



110

love and think and the Earth can - not in this

love and think and the Earth can - not in this

114

big, bright, beau - ti - ful won - der - ful

big, bright, beau - ti - ful won - der - ful

118

world. Won - der - ful world!

world. Won - der - ful world!