

GIVE US PEACE

for S.A.T.B. voices, a cappella

Words and Music by
ROBERT DeCORMIER (1922-2017)

With conviction (♩ = ca. 80)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

mf

Give us peace on the moun-tains, peace in the

mf

4

val - leys, peace in the skies, the o - ceans,

7

peace all o - ver this world. Sing for peace, _____ give us

The following words were written on September 23rd, 2017 to his singers “Robert DeCormier and Friends,” on the occasion of their annual “Sing for Peace” concert in Burlington, Vermont. This piece was premiered at that event, a tradition Mr. DeCormier had established ten years prior.

“Welcome to all who raise their voices and sing for peace. We join with those all over the world who yearn for peace, who struggle to bring peace into their lives. To have peace we must end racism and inequality of the sexes, and do all that we can to have a more equal distribution of the enormous wealth of our country. I know that you will sing with your full hearts and find some way, however small, to carry on the struggle for peace. I am with you in spirit, and my love and warmest best wishes go out to you all.”

Robert DeCormier — an annotation on this, his last choral work

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11 Oh, sing for peace, _____
 peace. Sing for peace, _____

14 _____
 give us peace. _____

17 *f*
 Stop the fight-ing in for-eign lands, _____ stop the fight-ing at
 (kill-ing) (kill-ing)

20 _____
 home. Stop the fight-ing all o-ver this world,
 (kill-ing)

23 *ff* *mp*
 stop the fight-ing! _____ Give us
 (kill-ing!) _____

26

peace on the moun-tains, peace in the val - leys,
mp
 Give us peace on the moun-tains, peace in the

30

peace in the skies, the o - ceans, peace all o - ver this
 val - leys, give us peace, peace all o - ver this

33

world. Sing for peace, give us peace.

38

Stop the fight-ing in the east and west, — stop the fight-ing, north and
f (kill - ing)

41

south. Stop the fight-ing where - ev - er you are,
f (kill - ing)

44 *ff* *p* 47

stop the fight - ing!
(kill - ing!) Give us peace on the

Give us peace,

48 *mp*

moun - tains, peace in the val - leys, peace in the skies, the

o - ceans, peace all o - ver this world. Sing for

52 *mf*

o - ceans, peace all o - ver this world. Sing for

55 *decresc.*

peace, give us peace. Sing for

Oh, sing for *decresc.*

59 *rit.* *p*

peace, give us peace.