

Inspired by words from choral students at Tri-Point Junior High, Piper City, IL
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MUSIC IS ...

for 2-part voices and piano
with optional PianoTrax*

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Flowing, yet rhythmic (♩ = ca. 126-132)

PIANO

7 PART I 9

PART II

mp

Mu - sic is — a

* PianoTrax 12 accompaniment CD available (48280). Visit alfred.com for digital scores and audio.

PERFORMANCE NOTE: Consider writing your very own narration for the spoken solos on page 11.
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PRONUNCIATION/TRANSLATION:

MOO-zee-kah DEH-ee DAW-noom AWP-tee-mee. (Music, the gift of the highest God.)

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mp

A

feel - ing that comes from deep in - side.

13

way to show — e - mo - tion that can - not be de -

16

17

nied. It's a col - or - ful — ex - pres - sion, an a -

It's a col - or - ful — ex - pres - sion, an a -

maz - ing work _ of art. It's

maz - ing work _ of art. It's beau - ty.

won - der. It's the beat - ing of my heart

It's the beat - ing of my heart.

cresc.

Mu - si - ca De - i, mu - si - ca

Mu - si - ca De - i,

mf

28

De - i do - num

mu - si - ca De - i do - num

31

op - ti - mi. Mu - si - ca

op - ti - mi.

34

De - i, mu - si - ca De - i.

Mu - si - ca De - i, mu - si - ca

37

Mu - sic is a gift

De - i. Mu - sic is a gift



40

for you and me.

for you and me.



42



46

decresc.

49

p
Ah
mp
Mu - sic is — a lan - guage we all can un - der -

52

mp
A bridge be - tween — all peo - ple, like
p
stand. *Ah*

55

57

join - ing hand in hand. It's a pow - er - ful — con -

mp

It's a pow - er - ful — con -

58

nec - tion that the world was meant — to share.

nec - tion that the world was meant — to share. It's

61

It's pur - pose. It's a gift be - yond — com -

pas - sion. It's a gift be - yond — com -

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

64 *mf* 3 66

pare. _____ Mu - si - ca De - i, _____ *mf* 3

pare. _____ Mu - si - ca

67

mu - si - ca De i, _____

De - i, _____ mu - si - ca De - i

70

do - num _____ op - ti - mi. _____

do - num _____ op - ti - mi. _____

73 74

Mu - si - ca De - i, mu - si - ca

Mu - si - ca De - i,

76

De - i. Mu - sic is a

mu - si - ca De - i. Mu - sic is a

79

gift for you and me.

gift for you and me.

SOLO 1: (spoken) Music is ... a sound that makes me feel a certain way, a mood-changer.

82

p

SOLO 2: (spoken) Music is ... a creative opening, a spark of inspiration, an invitation to express myself.

85

89 SOLO 3: (spoken) Music is ... the reason I get up in the morning. It always makes my day better!

p

Loo loo loo loo loo loo loo

p

Loo loo loo loo

92

mp

loo A call - ing, and a

mp

loo A sto - ry, and a

mp

95 *cresc.* *mf* 3

way to find — my voice, my voice. Mu - si - ca

cresc.

way to find — my voice, my voice.

cresc. *mf* 3

98 DESCANT
(optional)

mf 3

Mu - si - ca De - i, mu - si - ca

De - i, mu - si - ca De - i

mf 3

Mu - si - ca De - i, mu - si - ca

3 3 3

101

Musical score for measures 101-103. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: De - i do - num op - ti -

101 De - i do - num op - ti -

102 do - num op - ti -

103 De - i do - num op - ti -

104

106

Musical score for measures 104-106. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: mi. Mu - si - ca

104 mi. Mu - si - ca

105 mi. Mu - si - ca De - i,

106 mi. Mu - si - ca

(rejoin section)

Musical score for measures 107-110. The score is written for four staves: two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and two piano staves (Right and Left Hand). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "De - i, mu - si - ca De - i." The music features a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal parts and a triplet of eighth notes in the piano right hand. The piano left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

Musical score for measures 110-113. The score is written for four staves: two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and two piano staves (Right and Left Hand). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Mu - sic is a gift for you and". The music features a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal parts and a triplet of eighth notes in the piano right hand. The piano left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

113

stay strong

me, _____

stay strong

me, _____

116

molto rit.

for you and me. _____

for you and me. _____

molto rit.

119

*allargando**f*

Mu - sic is a gift! _____

f

Mu - sic is a gift! _____

*allargando**f*