

## ABOUT THE COMPOSITION

## By Judith Clurman

In 2007 conductor/organist Benjamin Hutto asked me to conduct his choruses (The St. Albans School for Boys/the National Cathedral Schools for Girls) at their fund raising concert at the Washington National Cathedral. I asked him if he would commission a new work for the concert by composer Howard Shore, based on words of Eleanor Roosevelt. He agreed and Michael Kellogg and Lucy Pugh provided the funding for this project. I conducted the world premiere of "Peace" on November 16, 2007 at the Cathedral. On February 7, 2009, my Essential Voices USA Youth Workshop (students from St Albans and National Cathedral School joined by guest adult singers) recorded "Peace" at the National Cathedral, with Benjamin Hutto on the organ. That recording is available on Howe Records HWR-1020.

Thank you to the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project, at George Washington University, for their assistance in providing the permission for using the following texts by Eleanor Roosevelt:

"Peace will not be built, however, by people with bitterness in their hearts.' From "My Day," January 7, 1944

"For it isn't enough to talk of peace. One must believe it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."

From Broadcast, Voice of America, November 11, 1951

"God grant that we may have the wisdom and courage to build a peaceful world with justice and opportunity for all peoples the world over."

From "My Day," April 17 1945

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## Example of Field Drums to be used in this composition:



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