

One Boy Told Me
SATB, piano

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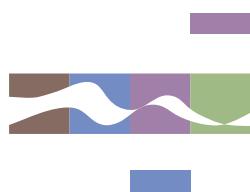


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One Boy Told Me

for SATB choir and piano

Commissioned by the Youth Chorale of Central Minnesota, Garrett Lathe, founding director.



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Text:

Music lives inside my legs,
It's coming out when I talk.

There's a stopper in my arm
that's not going to let me grow any bigger.
I'll be like this always, small.

I'll invite a bee to live in your shoe.
What if you found your shoe
full of honey?

My tongue is the car wash
for the spoon.

Just think—no one has ever seen
inside this peanut before!

When I grow up my old names
will live in the house
where we live now.
I'll come and visit them.

What does minus mean?
I never want to minus you.

I do and don't love you –
isn't that happiness?

- Naomi Shihab Nye, excerpts from "One Boy Told Me"
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Joyously ♩ = 112

I. Music Lives

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Musical score for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The score consists of five staves. The first four staves have measure numbers 11 above them. The fifth staff begins with measure 11. The vocal parts are:

- Soprano (S):** "Mu - sic lives"
- Alto (A):** "Mu - sic lives" (repeated)
- Tenor (T):** "in - side my legs." (repeated), "in - side", "in - side my legs.", "in - "
- Bass (B):** "in - side my legs.", "Mu - sic", "in - side", "in - side my legs.", "in - "

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p

S Mu - sic lives Timo - thy C Takach.com Mu - sic lives Mu - sic

A Mu - sic lives com-ing out when I talk. Mu - sic lives Mu - sic

T side my legs. It's com-ing out when I talk. Mu - sic lives in-side my

B side my legs. It's com-ing out when I talk. Mu - sic lives in-side my

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S It's com-ing out when I talk. Mu - sic lives in - side my
 A It's com-ing out when I talk. Mu - sic lives in - side my
 T legs. It's com-ing out Mu - sic lives in - side my legs. in - side my legs.
 B legs. It's com-ing out Mu - sic lives in - side my legs. in - side my legs.

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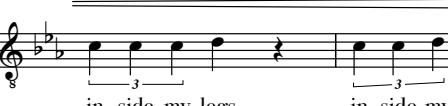


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S legs. in - side my
 A legs. in - side my
 T in - side my legs. in - side my in - side my
 B in - side my legs. in - side my in - side my

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II. There's a Stopper

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that's not going to let me grow any bigger.
I'll be like this always,
simply
big-ger. an-y big-ger. I'll be like this always, small.
big-ger. an-y big-ger. I'll be like this always,
that's not going to let me grow any bigger. I'll be like this always,

= 120

III. Full of Honey

f

51

S - - - - I'll in - vite a

A *mp* I'll in-vite a bee — I'll in-vite a bee to live in your shoe. I'll in-vite a

T - - - -

B *mp* I'll in-vite a bee I'll in-vite a bee I'll in-vite a bee to live in your shoe. I'll in-vite a bee

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p



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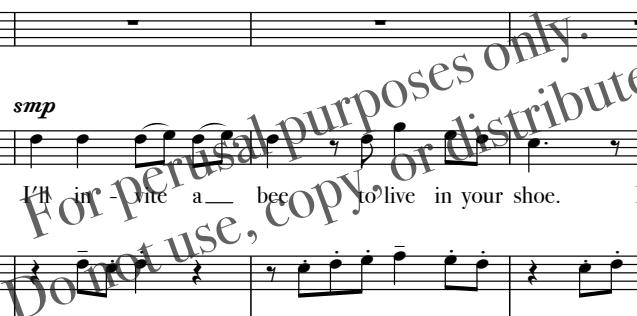
S bee to live in your shoe. What if you found your shoe full of *mf*  *smp*

A bee I'll in-vite a bee — I'll in-vite a bee to live in your shoe. I'll in-vite a bee I'll in-vite a bee

T - - - -

B *mf* *smp* I'll in-vite a bee I'll in-vite a bee to live in your shoe. I'll in-vite a I'll in-vite a bee *mf*

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S hon - ey? I'll in - vite a bee to live in your
 A What if you found your shoe full of hon-ey? I'll in - vite a bee I'll in - vite a bee I'll in - vite a
 T I'll in - vite a bee to live in your
 B What if you found your shoe full of hon-ey? I'll in - vite a bee I'll in - vite a bee I'll in - vite a

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S shoe. What if you found your shoe full of hon-ey?
 A bee to live in your shoe. I'll in - vite a bee if you found your shoe hon - ey?
 T shoe. What if you found your shoe full of hon-ey?
 B bee to live in your shoe. What if you found your shoe full of hon - ey?

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71 *mp*

S I'll in - invite a bee to live in your shoe. What if you found your shoe Just think *sp* IV. Peanut!

A I'll in - invite a bee to live in your shoe. What if you found your shoe Just think *sp*

T My tongue is the car wash for the spoon. you found your shoe Just think *sp*

B I'll in - invite a bee to live in your shoe. What if you found your shoe Just think

f

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Playfully serious $\text{♩} = 120$

78 **Freely**

V. Old Names *p* *parlando, exact rhythm values*

A no one has ev-er seen in-side this pea-nut be-fore! When I grow up my old names will live in the house

p

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85

A where we live now. When I grow up my old names will live in the house where we *p* *parlando, exact rhythm values*

T When I grow up my old names will live in the house where we live now.

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90 *mp*

S When my names live in the house, I'll vis-it them. When my names live

A live now. When I grow up my old names will live in the house where we live

T When I grow up my old names will live in the house where we live now. When I grow

B When I grow up

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90 *mp*

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S in the house, I'll come and vis-it them. When my names live

A now. When I grow up my old names will live in the house where we

T up my old names will live in the house. Where we live now.

B When I

95 *f*

S in the house, I'll come and vis-it them. When my names live

A now. When I grow up my old names will live in the house where we

T up my old names will live in the house. Where we live now.

B When I

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95 *mf*

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S

A

T

B

VI. What Does Minus Mean

 = 132

mf

99

S in the house, I'll come and vis - it them. What does —
A live now. When I grow up I'll vis - it them What does —
T When I grow up When I grow up I'll vis - it them in the house.
B grow up I'll vis - it my old names

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S mi - nus mean? I nev - er want to mi - nus you.
A mi - nus mean? I nev - er want to mi - nus you.
T
B

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110 *mf*

S What does mi - nus mean? I nev - er want to

A What does mi - nus mean? I nev - er want to

T What does mi - nus mean? I nev - er want to

B Mu - sic lives in - side

f

110

115 *f* Broadly

S mi - nus you. What does mi - nus mean?

A mi - nus you. What does mi - nus mean?

T mi - nus you. What does mi - nus mean?

B my legs. (Is com - ing out when I talk. What does mi - nus mean?)

f

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S I nev - er want to mi - nus you. I
A I nev - er want to mi - nus you. I
T I nev - er want to mi - nus you. I
B I nev - er want to mi - nus you. I

121

S ff rit. f
A ff f
T ff f
B ff f

VII. Happiness

$\text{♩} = 104$

126

S do and don't love you I do and don't
A do and don't love you I do and don't
T do and don't love you I do and don't
B do and don't love you I do and don't

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S mf
A mf
T mf
B mf

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S love you _____ is - n't that hap - pi - ness? _____

A love you _____ is - n't that hap - pi - ness? _____

T love you _____ is - n't that hap - pi - ness? _____

B love you _____ is - n't that hap - pi - ness? _____

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Reviewed as “gorgeous” (Washington Post) and “stunning” (Lawrence Journal-World), the music of Timothy C. Takach has risen fast in the concert world. Applauded for his melodic lines and rich, intriguing harmonies, Takach has received commissions from the St. Olaf Band, Cantus, Pavia Winds, Lorelei Ensemble, VocalEssence, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, The Rose Ensemble, and numerous other organizations. His compositions have been performed on A Prairie Home Companion, The Boston Pops holiday tour, multiple All-State and festival programs and at venues such as the Library of Congress, Kennedy Center and Royal Opera House Muscat. He is a co-creator of the theatrical production of All is Calm: the Christmas Truce of 1914, by Peter Rothstein.

Takach studied music composition at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, where he graduated with honors. He has frequent national work as a composer-in-residence, presenter, clinician and lecturer. He is a full-time composer and lives in Minneapolis with his wife and two sons.

Selected vocal works by Timothy C. Takach:

Mixed Voices

- A Depth We Cannot Sound
A Worshipper and a Man
And I Saw
As the Sunflower Turns on Her God
The Darkling Thrush
Fragile
Listen to the Apples
Neither Angels, Nor Demons, Nor Powers
Nubes Oriebatur: the eruption of Vesuvius
One Boy Told Me
Su Rahva Koda (The House of Your Kindred)
This Alien Landscape
This Amazing Life
We Are Lost, We Are Lucky
We Sing of Home (Finlandia)

(earthsongs)

- SATB, vibraphone, marimba, large tom
SATB a cappella
SATB div. a cappella
SSAATBB div, Sop. solo, SSATB soli, a cappella
SATB, SAT soli, a cappella
SATB, hand drum
SATB div. a cappella
SSATBB a cappella
SSATBB a cappella
SATB, piano
SSAATTBB a cappella
SATB, crotales, suspended cymbal, bass drum
SA(T)B, piano
SATB, piano
SATB a cappella

Treble Voices

- And I Saw
Cassiopeia
Goodbye, Then
Home on the Range (arr. American Folk Song)
Queen of the Range
Serenade
The Streets of Laredo (arr. American Folk Song)
There is No Rose
Torn Map
Twenty Questions

(Graphite Publishing)
(Graphite Publishing)
(Graphite Publishing)
(Graphite Publishing)
(Lorelei Ensemble)
(Graphite Publishing)

- SSAA div. a cappella
SSA a cappella
SSA choir, Bb clarinet, piano
2-part treble, piano
SA, piano
SSAA a cappella
Unison, TTB, piano
SSAA, SS soli, a cappella
SA, piano
2-part treble, piano

Men's Voices

- Empty
Goodbye, Then
I Will Howl
Kin
Luceat Eis
Mad
Original Harmony
Rough Beast
Salve Regina
Things I Didn't Know I Loved

(Colla Voce)
(Jeremy D. Jones Male Choral Series)
(Graphite Publishing)
(Graphite Publishing)

- TB (opt. div), piano, opt. djembe
TBB choir, Bb clarinet, piano
TBB choir, piano or cello
TB, piano
TTTBB a cappella
TB, piano
TTBB a cappella
TTBB, percussion
TBB semi-chorus, TTBB a cappella
TTBB a cappella

Large Works

- We Made a Grave For Him, And Her Smoke Rose Up Forever (ca. 10')
The Longest Nights (ca. 21')
Where Beauty Comes From (ca. 16')

- TTBB a cappella
SATB, piano or string quartet
TBB, 2-part, SSAA, SATB; piano



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