A Note from the Composer

Dear Performers,

I hope that you will find joy in delivering the message that Percy Jewett Burrell’s words bring to the world. So much of his 1908 address rings true for all times and places, and I am thankful that I was able to include as much of the text as I did in this composition. However, I recommend that you take a few minutes during the process of learning and rehearsing this music to step aside, read the full text from which the words of this piece were taken (found in the Year Book, Sinfonia Fraternity of America; Vol. VII, 1908), and reflect on its meaning and implications for you, your friendships, and your approach to life.

In harmony,
Ash Stemke

Original Text by Percy Jewett Burrell

Excerpted from The President’s Message in Year Book, Sinfonia Fraternity of America; Vol. VII: 1908 (Public Domain)

“What is needed, brothers is a harmony, not alone of music, but of minds and hearts and spirits.”

“What is music without harmony? Verily it is not music. Life without goodwill and fraternity—what is it? Indeed it is not life. He has not truly lived who has not lived for others, in sympathy and in harmony with his fellows.”

Performance Notes

Vocal Ranges:

Approximate Performance Time: 3’30”

Measure 88: In this measure, basses may sing the low F in parentheses or the upper F with the baritones.
Of Minds and Hearts and Spirits

Percy Jewett Burrell

With mysterious energy \( \dot{q} = 108 \)

Tenor 1, 2, Baritone, Bass, Piano

What is music?

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What is life without good will and fraud?

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What is needed is a harmony in sympathy

for what is needed, what is needed, brothers is a harmony in sympathy

not alone of music, but of
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minds and hearts and spirits.

of minds and hearts and spirits.

spirits.

He has not truly lived

who has not lived for others

He has not
it is not music. It is not truly lived who has not lived for others.

He has not truly lived who has not lived for others.

not lived for others has not lived for others in harmony.

Others for others in harmony.

Ped.
For what is needed, my brothers, is a harmony in sympathy.

Symmetry, harmony, for what is needed, what is needed, brothers is a

Harmony not a-lone of music, of

Ped., ^ Ped.
Of Minds and Hearts and Spirits

Slightly slower \( \frac{d}{=96} \)

music, of minds and hearts

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