

UNITY 3/25/5

S.A.T.B Chorus with Piano Accompaniment

Music by **GLORRAINE B. MOONE** and **REV. FREDDIE WASHINGTON** 

Text by **PSALM 33:1** and **GLORRAINE B. MOONE** 

Arranged and Scored by DANIEL M. CASON II

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CHILDREN'S

CHOIR

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## Unity

In a time when we worry about racial tension and war-like aggression, music can offer solace. Why are peace-makers murdered? This ancient text can counteract hatred. From Psalms, 133:1, "Behold how good it is the brethren to dwell together in Unity", or in its Hebrew context "Hine ma tov uma nayim shevet achim gam yachad." These words are known and sung by many people, but here it is set in the gospel style. Glorraine Moone, who is not a professionally trained musician, felt these words in this melody. It was the "put down" and arranged by Daniel Cason a well-trained gospel musician and minister in Alabama. Very rarely have I seen people so moved by a piece of music. It is ideal for children's and women's choirs singing in SAT voicing as SSA. It is also absolutely stunning for SATB choirs. This music is ideal as an anthem for adults with children. The melody is also easily taught to audiences and congregations.

The pianist should feel free to embellish and improvise. It is also appropriate to add bass and drums. As in all gospel music, the choir should feel the freedom to "move". The number of repeats should be consistent with the setting. In the "oral tradition" you sing it until it "feels" like your done.

I hope you enjoy the music as much as we have.

Henry H. Leck
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