

Choral and Orchestral Music by Gordon Thornett

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**IT'S A BEAUTIFUL,
WONDERFUL WORLD**

Unison song for community
or children's choir
with optional harmonies

with piano accompaniment



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*"It's a beautiful, wonderful world,
A world of wonder for all to share;
Let us walk together, hand in hand,
Spreading peace and friendship throughout the land..."*

Inspired by a visit to botanical gardens in California, this song is intended to reflect the beauty of nature around us, and to suggest that we should live in harmony, breaking through the barriers that can so often divide us.

In its simplest form it is a unison song, which can be performed by a community chorus or a children's choir, but optional harmony (SATB) is given in places for a more advanced group - although this is fairly simple, even though it requires some *divisi*.

There is a reprise of the first verse, a tone higher, with an optional descant.

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Written following a visit to the Botanical Gardens in Claremont, California, USA.

It's a Beautiful, Wonderful World

NOTE - This piece may be performed in UNISON throughout if preferred.
The harmonies in vv.2 and 3, and the descant in the reprise may be omitted.

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ALL VOICES IN UNISON

Moderato ♩ = 60 *mf*

Choir

1. It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, _____ a

Piano

f *mf*

[Con Pedale]

5

Choir

world of won - der, for all to share; Let us walk to - geth - er,

Pno.

8

Choir

hand in hand, spread - ing peace and friend - ship through - out the land. It's a

Pno.

f

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for choirs to make copies of this piece to perform in order to
raise awareness of our responsibility to care for planet earth.

11

Choir

beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, — a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, —

Pno.

mf

16

TENORS AND BASSES* *mf*

Choir

2. It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, — Let's

Pno.

19

Choir

live in har - mo - ny, ev' - ry - one! We will stand to - geth - er,

Pno.

**If the piece is being performed in UNISON, all may continue to sing the melody at appropriate pitch.*

22

Choir

side by side, and we'll break the bar - ri - ers have that div - ide. It's a

Pno.

25

Choir

beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world,

Pno.

30

SOPRANOS & ALTOS

Choir

3. It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, Let's

Pno.

33 [SSA] *mf*

Choir

fight in - just - ice through - out the earth; For we all be - long to the

Pno. *mp*

36 *f*

Choir

hu - man race, Where ha - tred and pre - ju - dice

Pno. *mf*

38 *mf* + T/B

Choir

have no place! It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, _____ a

Pno. *mf*

It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, _____ a

41

Choir
beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, —

Pno.
beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, —

A tempo

46

S. *poco rit.* **f** **OPTIONAL DESCANT**
Oh, it's a beau - ti - ful world, a world of

Choir **SATB IN UNISON** **f**
poco rit. **A tempo**
It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, — a world of won - der, for

Pno.

50

S.
won - der; Ah, ————— Such ————— a

Choir
all to share; Let us walk to - geth - er, hand in hand, spread - ing peace and friend - ship through

Pno.

54

S. beau - ti ful world! It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, a won - der - ful

Choir out the land. It's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world, a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful

Pno.

Meno mosso poco rit. . .

58

S. world. it's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful, it's a won - der - ful world!

Choir world, it's a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful world!

Pno.

Meno mosso poco rit. . .