Composed and Performed by Mr. Criss’s 2nd Grade Class and Ms. Aucoin’s 3rd Grade Class

Classroom Cantatas

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About Classroom Cantatas

In 1990, Cantata Singers commissioned Slavery Documents by Donald Sur. It was the first of three major choral orchestral works commissioned to date by Cantata Singers with texts exploring the themes of slavery. Slavery Documents’ focus was American slavery, what Mr. Sur called the “unaddressed Achilles heel of United States culture.” Cantata Singers began to see that this work needed to resonate beyond that Symphony Hall performance. Sur’s musical examination of racial inequality and discrimination reminded Cantatas Singers’ leadership of the crying need for meaningful arts education in the schools.

Out of this time, Classroom Cantatas emerged. Ann Marie Lindquist, Paul Brust and Judy Hill Bose developed a residency program far more challenging than the typical “come, talk, sing, leave.” Instead, it was one that had the potential to guide Boston’s schoolchildren in finding and harnessing their creative voices. Classroom Cantatas now flourishes in the Boston public schools and, over its twenty years, has touched the lives of thousands of children.

Classroom Cantatas guides young students in creating their own musical compositions, or “cantatas.” Students from participating schools work with the Teaching Artists—musicians from Cantata Singers’ ensemble—to compose and perform original songs about subjects they are studying in class or about larger cultural and historical issues. Past cantata topics have included the American Revolution, Factors of Weather, Mexican Culture, immigration, the Civil Rights Movement, Mathematics, poetic devices, and Geography. Over the past twenty years of Classroom Cantatas, students have composed and performed over 300 songs.

About Cantata Singers

Cantata Singers was founded in 1964 to present what was then a long-neglected repertoire, the cantatas of J.S. Bach. Since that time, the group has expanded its repertoire to include choral works from the seventeenth century to the present day. The Cantata Singers’ recordings and performances can be heard regularly on local and national public radio.

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Classroom Cantatas Teaching Artists

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Elizabeth Chladil

Mr. Criss's 2nd Grade Class, with Elizabeth Chladil, Cantata Singers

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Voice

Shari ng our gifts,
Shari ng our-

Piano

In our com mu ni ty we're mak ing new friends.
One gift is kindness and giving feels good!

Let's get to work in the neighborhood!
Come On In!

Elizabeth Chladil

Ava, Gianna C., Adam, Kyleigh, Kelyce, Katherine, with Elizabeth Chladil, Cantata Singers

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Voice

Piano

Come on in, come on in!

Come on in, come on in! Your cupboard's bare but we'll always share.

Come on in, come on in! Afraid there's not enough just like our

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love, there's always a little bit more! Come on in, come on in!
I Can Help

Kay Patterson

Cayden, Karen, Keira, Teana, Mia, Kaelissa, with Kay Patterson, Cantata Singers

When little sis can’t tie her shoes I can help, I have the clues!

When mom asks me to feed the cat I can help my mom likes that when my friend’s homework is too rough I can help, it’s

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When what I need is out of reach or I don't know not too tough!

enough to teach I will raise my hand and say: "Will someone please help me today?"

You help me and I'll help you and we can all learn something new!
The most awesome playground is boring and we need each other to live and to grow. We
play and learn best when we do it together. Our 'hood is our house, so come
build it with us._

Trash, trash, look at this trash! Help me clean up all the trash!_

Now the park is all cleaned up. We're gonna have some fun!

It's much more fun for all of us!
We Live to Give

James Dargan

Aniyah, Lianna, Demitrius, Lisandro and Anyah, with James Dargan, Cantata Singers

We live to give our lives each for they fall down other clothes and food and shelter all help to

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lift our friends and family!
We Love Our World

Ms. Aucoin's 3rd Grade Class, with Elizabeth Chladil, Cantata Singers

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From ocean depths to mountain peaks

Mother Nature moves and speaks

While telling stories of our past, She tries to teach us how to last!

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These things simple things, help the place where we live! We love our world.

We save the earth! That’s why we want to give! From ocean depths to mountain peaks Mother Nature moves and
While telling stories of our past, She
tries to teach us how to last!
I've got a hand-ful by hand-ful and a lump by lump._

We find the pie-ces that no-bo-dy else needs. We put them to-get-her to

make some-thing bet-ter. Building a world for you and me._

Old
bot-tles on the ground could make beau-ti-ful win-dows. Bro-ken plates and cups form a mo-sa-ic wall. Bright sea-shells from the beach can bright-en the floor. We're build-ing a world that's bet-ter for all.
Rivers Run Through All the Earth

James Dargan
Cate, Jailene, Brandyn, Akiel, Brian, Joelianis, with James Dargan, Cantata Singers

vers run through all the earth

Mystic Charles and Neponset all gave birth

Boston Dot Massachussets

vers run through all the earth
teaching us that renewing life is the best way to keep our bonds strong

the future runs through all our hands like rivers run round all the earth.
New Life

Kay Patterson

Ruby, Calvin, Kimberly, Omar, Luiz, Nya, with Kay Patterson, Cantata Singers

Sometimes we can give new life to things we've used before.

The grocery bag I've glued and sliced it's on life number four.

Some old things can be new again so one use doesn't mean the end.

When big sis out...
grows her sweater I wear it now, it fits me better, it fits me better!

Hand me downs have value still they're filled with love and bring a thrill

Dad's old shirt or mom's old rings re-using gives new life to things Re-

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us - sing gives new life to things
Think Twice Before You Buy

Elizabeth Chladil

Jorge, Umniyah, Emma, John, India, with Elizabeth Chladil, Cantata Singers

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Bot-tled wa-ter plastic spoons, re-

cy-cle-this stuff and re-duce it too. Trash and waste keep pi-ling high,

so think twice be-fore you buy!

Cloth napkins bottle made of glass,
Use things that are meant to last!

There has to be something that we can do, like

raise awareness to those around you!