## A Better World

A suite of choral settings of epigrammatic quotations from speeches of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, for SATB (no divisi) and piano

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Total Duration: ca. 41 minutes

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#### In memory of my father, Irving Zuckerman (January 13, 1924 – June 23, 2019)

The pieces in **A Better World** may be performed individually as well as collectively. If performing a subset, the order of performance should be preserved.

The title comes from the excerpt of FDR's Columbus Day speech on hemispheric defense delivered in Dayton, Ohio on October 12, 1940 used as the text for **Beyond the Horizon**, the last piece in this suite.

Rehearsal materials and recordings can be found at http://www.mazicmusic.com/FDR%20Project%20newsletter.html.

### **Program Notes**

This is the Time to Speak the Truth uses a text of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from his first inaugural address, March 4, 1933:

This is preeminently the time to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly.

**Repetition Does Not Transform** uses a text of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from a radio address to the New York Herald Tribune Forum, October 26, 1939:

Repetition does not transform a lie into a truth.

**Civilization Cannot Go Back** uses a text of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from his State of the Union Address, January 3, 1934:

Civilization cannot go back; civilization must not stand still... It is our task to perfect, to improve, to alter when necessary, but in all cases to go forward.

There Are Many Ways of Going Forward uses a text of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (date and place unknown):

There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still.

Without the Help of Thousands combines two texts of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The first is from his New York State gubernatorial inaugural address on January 1, 1929:

Without the help of thousands of others, any one of us would die, naked and starved.

The second is from his first presidential inaugural address on March 4, 1933:

We now realize as we have never realized before our interdependence on each other; that we cannot merely take but must give as well.

What the Flag and the Constitution Stand For uses a text from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's speech to the Democratic National Convention on June 27, 1936:

...What the Flag and the Consitution stand for. Now, as always, they stand for democracy, not tyranny; for freedom, not subjection; and against a dictatorship by mob rule and the overprivileged alike.

**A Nation Does Not Have to be Cruel** uses a text of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from an address at Madison Square Garden in New York City on October 31, 1936:

Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the resolve of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough.

**The Test of Our Progress** uses a text from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Second Inaugural Address, January 20, 1937:

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.

**The Basic Things Expected** uses a text of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from his State of the Union address, January 6, 1941:

There is nothing mysterious about the foundations of a healthy and strong democracy. The basic things expected by our people of their political and economic systems are simple. They are:

- \* Equality of opportunity for youth and for others.
- \* Jobs for those who can work.
- \* Security for those who need it.
- \* The ending of special privileges for the few.
- \* The preservation of civil liberties for all.
- \* The enjoyment of the fruits of scientific progress in a wider and constantly rising standard of living.

The Real Safeguard of Democracy uses a text of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from an address to the National Education Association, June 30, 1938:

Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.

We Shall Choose a Path of Social Justice uses a text of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from a campaign address in Detroit, Michigan on October 2, 1932:

We Americans everywhere must and shall choose a path of social justice: the path of faith, the path of hope, and the path of love toward our fellow man.

**Beyond the Horizon** uses a text of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from the Columbus Day speech on hemispheric defense, Dayton, Ohio, October 12, 1940:

We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon.

#### This is the Time to Speak the Truth

Duration: ca. 3'45"

Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Music: Mark Zuckerman Resolutely (J = 60) Soprano Alto Tenor Bass is the time mf جر This speak time truth, mf This the time the to speak This the the the is time to speak truth, to speak mp

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#### Repetition Does Not Transform

Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Duration: ca. 3'30" Music: Mark Zuckerman















#### Civilization Cannot Go Back

Duration: ca. 3'15"
Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Music: Mark Zuckerman

























#### There Are Many Ways of Going Forward

Duration: ca. 2'

Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Music: Mark Zuckerman Persistent (= 112) Soprano of go - ing There are ways Alto There for - ward, are ma - ny of go - ing Tenor There are ma - ny of go - ing Bass of go-ing There are for - ward, go - ing ma - ny Piano There ways of go-ing for - ward, go-ing for ward, for - ward, There are ma-ny ways of go-ing for - ward, for ward, There are ward, for of go-ing for - ward, for - ward, There are ma - ny ways go-ing for ward,











Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Duration: ca. 3' Music: Mark Zuckerman











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Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Duration: ca. 3'45"

Music: Mark Zuckerman













#### A Nation Does Not Have to be Cruel

Duration: ca. 3'30" Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Music: Mark Zuckerman Nobly J = 88Soprano Alto Tenor na Bass na tion na na mf tion tion tion tion na na na tion tion na na tion na tion A \_\_\_ tion tion na

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#### The Test of Our Progress









#### The Basic Things Expected

Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Duration: ca. 3'40" Music: Mark Zuckerman

















## The Real Safeguard of Democracy

















## We Shall Choose a Path of Social Justice

Duration: ca. 4'

Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Music: Mark Zuckerman Determined (= 120) Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Piano We must choose a path of so-cial jus We must choose a path 10

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## Beyond the Horizon













