

Dear Mother Earth

Finale from *The Diamond Child**
Adult SATB Chorus, Children's Two-part Chorus
and Audience (optional) with Keyboard

Lyrics by J. Jason Charnesky
Music by Bruce Trinkley

Dear Mother Earth

*By the dreams that we decide billions will abide
in the world we try to build.*

*O dear Mother Earth, O dear Mother Earth,
how spacious your girth that shelters
the children that dance into birth!*

*O parents so true, be sure that you choose
the future that is best for your children to use.
We learn and we play. And wait for the day
that we too are grown ups and help to choose the way.*

*Our future is shared, six billion to spare.
Our world is decided by what we do here.
The future is now. You must teach us how
the family of man can be true to this vow:*

*Love to learn. Learn to share.
Share to live and live to care.*

**The Diamond Child* was written and performed to mark the Day of Six Billion, the date designated by the United Nations when the population of the earth would pass six billion. The date was October 12, 1999. *The Diamond Child* was produced by the Penn State School of Music and the Department of Forest Studies and presented in Eisenhower Auditorium. The performance was free but audience members were asked to bring food items to be distributed to local food banks.

The audience was also invited to stand and sing the last two lines with the cast and chorus: measures 76-88.

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Bruce Trinkley
Adapted from a Latin American folksong *Arroyo claro*

Maestoso ♩ = 96
mp cresc. poco a poco *mf*

Women

Men

By the dreams that we de - cide bil - lions

mp cresc. poco a poco *mf*

By the dreams that we de - cide bil - lions

Maestoso ♩ = 96

mp cresc. poco a poco *mf*

6

f

will a - bide in the world we try to

will a - bide in the world we try to

6

f

allarg.

11

build, _____ the world we try to

build, _____ the world we try to

allarg.

11

Easy folk tempo ♩ = 66 **Children**

15

O dear Mother Earth, _____ O

O dear Mother Earth, _____ O

mp

build. _____

build. _____

Easy folk tempo ♩ = 66

15

mp

21

dear Moth - er Earth, how spa - cious your girth that shel - ters the chil - dren that

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21

27

dance in - to birth! O par - ents so true, be sure that you

dance in - to birth! O par - ents so true, be sure that you

27

33

choose the fu - ture that is best for your chil - dren to use. We

choose the fu - ture that is best for your chil - dren to use.

33

39

now end our play. And wait for the day that we too are grown ups and

We now end our play. And wait for the day that we too are

45

help to choose the way. Our

grown ups and help to choose the way. Our

Our

Our

Our

cresc. *mf*

50

fu - ture is shared, six bil - lion to spare. Our world_ is de - ci - ded by

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50

56

what_ we do here. Our world_ is de - ci - ded by what_ we do

what_ we do here. Our world_ is de - ci - ded by what_ we do

what_ we do here. Our world_ is de - ci - ded by what_ we do

what_ we do here. Our world_ is de - ci - ded by what_ we do

56

61 *molto allarg.* **f** **Maestoso** ♩ = 96

here. The fu - ture is now. You must teach us

here. The fu - ture is now. You

here. The fu - ture is now. You must teach us

here. The fu - ture is now. You

here. The fu - ture is now. You

61 *molto allarg.* **f**

66

how the fam - i - ly of man can be true to this

must teach us how the fam - i - ly of man can be true to this

how the fam - i - ly of man can be true to this

must teach us how the fam - i - ly of man can be true to this

must teach us how the man can be true to this

how the fam - i - ly of man can be true to this

66

Speaker: By the magic that I bring,
Every child on earth shall sing!

Andante maestoso ♩ = 84

allarg. Audience

ff

71

vow: Love to learn. Learn to share.

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71

cresc. allarg. Andante maestoso ♩ = 84

mp f ff

79

poco allarg. ♩ = 84

Share to live and live to care. Share to live and live to

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Share to live and live to care. Share to live and live to

79

poco allarg. ♩ = 84

Bright calypso

86

care. _____

care. _____

care. _____

care. _____

care. _____

care. _____

Bright calypso

86

90