

We Hold These Truths

Duet with SATB choir

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Stately, with firm conviction ♩ = 86

Measures 1-3 of the piano introduction. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked as 86 beats per minute. The dynamic is *mp*. The right hand features a melody of quarter notes and eighth notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line of quarter notes.

Measures 4-6 of the piano introduction. The dynamic changes to *mf* in measure 5. The right hand continues with chords and melodic fragments, while the left hand maintains the bass line.

Measures 7-9 of the piano introduction. The right hand features a melodic line with some rests, while the left hand continues the bass line.

Measures 11-13 of the vocal and piano accompaniment. The Soprano (Sop.) part has rests in all three measures. The Tenor (Ten.) part has the lyrics: "We hold these truths," our Founders said, and thus our new-born. The dynamic is *mp*. The piano accompaniment continues with chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

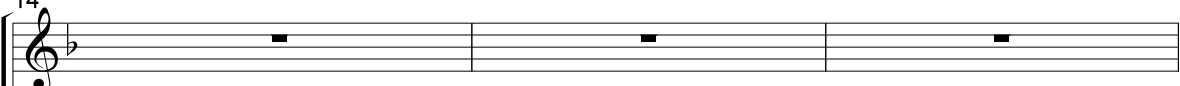
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Sop. 

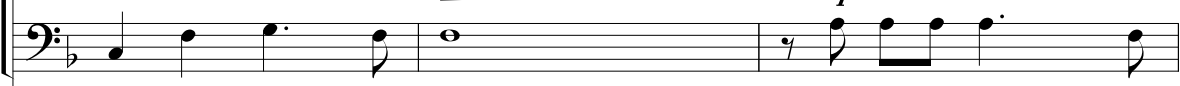
Ten. 

na-tion bled. We hold, in spite of rank or name, that all of



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Sop. 

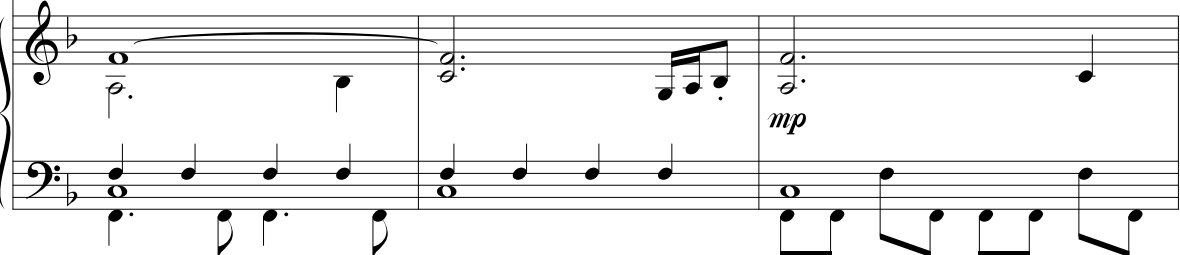
Ten. 

us are made the same. Cre - a - ted by our


mp


mp

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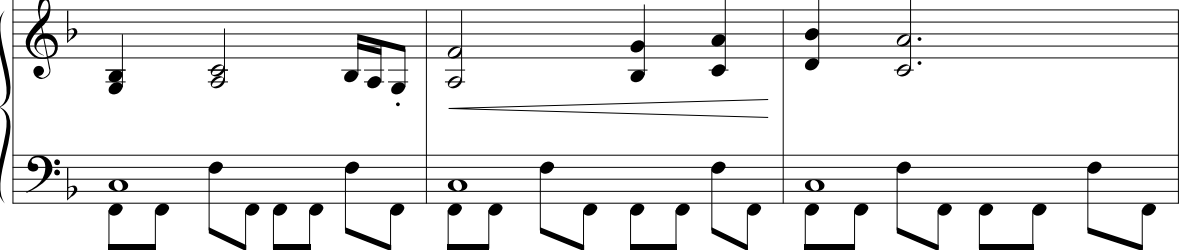


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Sop. 

Ten. 

Mak-er's hand, then plan-ted in this fer-tile land, we hold these



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Sop. truths as firm - ly now, and still will not to ty - rants

Ten.

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Sop. bow! We will hold on to pre - cious lib - er - ty;

Ten. bow! We will hold on to pre - cious lib - er - ty;


f


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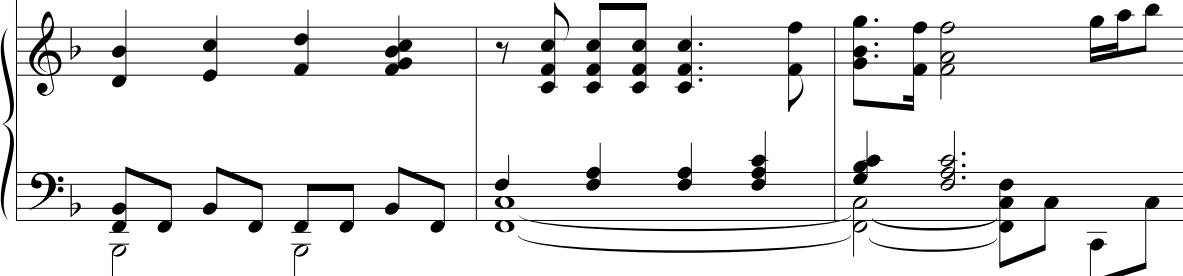
Sop. we will hang on to hard - won vic - to - ry; A - mer - i - ca, from

Ten. we will hang on to hard - won vic - to - ry; A - mer - i - ca, from

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Sop.  sea to shin - ing sea!


Ten. 

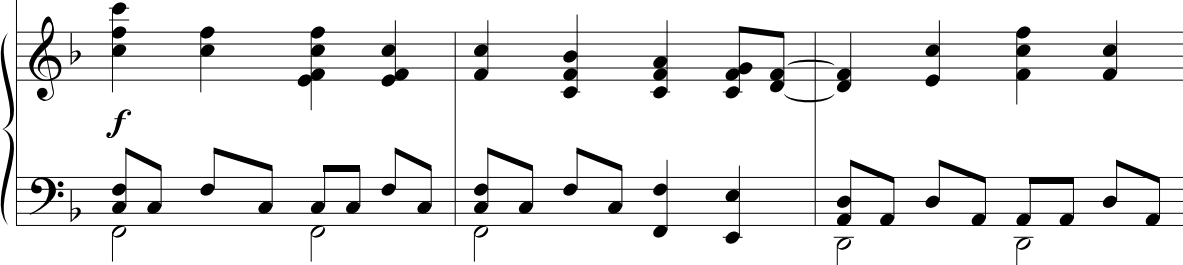


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35 *f*


Sop.  We will hold on to hu - man dig - ni - ty; we will go on 'til


Ten. 

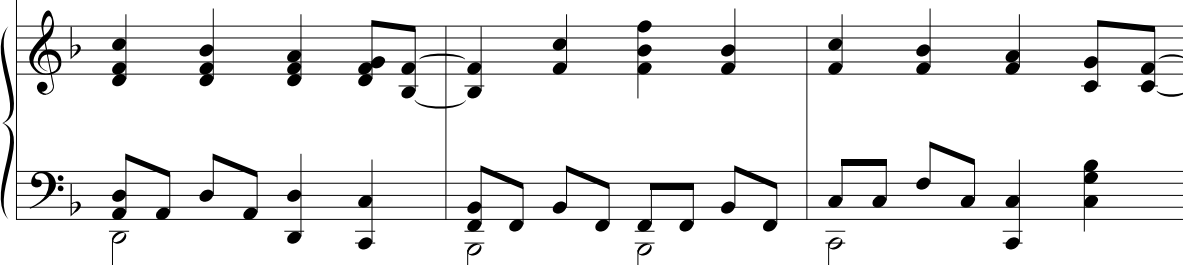


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Sop.  all the world is free; A - mer - i - ca, God shed His grace on thee!_

Ten. 



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Sop.

Ten. "We hold these truths" with *mp*

S.A. *p* A - mer - i -

T.B. *p*

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Sop.

Ten. un-clean hands, yet hope they thrive in oth-er lands, so as our *mf*

S.A. ca, A - mer - i - ca.

T.B.

8va