I Am The Earth

2-part (SA)
for children’s choir

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piano/vocal score
includes guitar chords

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Background information

I Am The Earth was written in 2007, the International Year of Planet Earth (2008). The primary focus was on the Earth Sciences, that is, studying and understanding the way the Earth works and the impact of our human activity. This song takes a more personal look at our relationship with the planet we Earthlings call home.

Indigenous people have instinctively acknowledged this relationship over thousands of years; calling the land their Mother and therefore implying the nurturing role the Earth plays in their lives. Put simply - no Earth, no us!

About the song

The song is divided into two parts – sopranos (sops) and altos. The sopranos are the voice of planet Earth. They sing alone in the first verse and chorus as the Earth tells us about itself.

The altos sing on behalf of the children of the world. They are telling us how they feel about their home planet. This is why they sing the 2nd verse alone. During the 2nd chorus they join with the sopranos in a dialogue. The Earth and its people interacting with each other.

At bar 97, the song builds towards a positive affirmation of the future with the sopranos and altos singing in unison. The Earth and its people coming together. This is how the future can be if we work with the Earth and not against it. One Earth, one people.

Within the music there is some dissonance which suggests there is an urgency for us all to recognise and act upon this most crucial of all relationships.

As a teaching resource

I Am The Earth can be used in schools to generate discussion and activities based around the Earth and environmental issues. Because it personalises the relationship between the children and the Earth, students can be encouraged to think about their place in world. One group of children from a primary school in South Australia created an animation to accompany the song. You can view it on YouTube https://youtu.be/Wkn1B7cJYQo This is just one way of using the song to inspire creative thinking in the students.

Most of all...I hope you and your students enjoy it!

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Verse 1

I am the river
flowing,
I am the desert
dry
I am the winds
blowing,

I am the sunset
sky
I am the forest
breathing,
I am the ocean
wide

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CHORUS

I am the Earth

Eb  Bb  Fm  A♭

simile

I am the Earth

Eb  Bb  Fm  A♭

I am the Earth

Cm  mp
I AM THE EARTH

**Verse 2**

**ALTOS**

We are the children growing
You are the place we live

**Cm**

We are the seed you're sowing,
We are the life you give
We are the future

**Cm/Bb**

We will be your voice
We will watch and learn from you

**Cm/A**

**Cm/Ab**

**Cm**

**Gm7**

**Cm**

**Fm**

**cresc**

**CHORUS**

We will make the choice.
You're in our

**G7sus4**

**G**

**Eb**

**Bb**

**ALTOS**

**mf**

We are the Earth

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Verse 3

I am the river flowing, I am the desert dry I am the four winds blowing, I am the sunset sky I am the forest breathing.

We are the children growing, You are the place we live

We are the seed you're sowing, We are the life you give

I am the storm-clouds gathering

We will be your voice We will make the
I AM THE EARTH

CHORUS

I am the Earth
choice. You're in our hands

We're in your care To-ge- ther we stand

This mo- ment in time we share.
OUTRO

We share the future, stand side by side. One Earth, one people, we'll turn the tide. And in the future they'll say with pride, One Earth, one people we turned the tide side by side. side by side.