

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> verse alone. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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$\text{♩} = 130$   $\text{♩} = \text{♩}^3$  SOPS *mp* **Verse 1**

*mp*

*Red.* *Red.* *Red.* *Red.* *Red.*

6

flow - ing, I am the de - sert dry I am the four winds blow - ing,  
Cm/B $\flat$  Cm/A Cm/A $\flat$  Cm Cm/B $\flat$

*Red.* *simile*

11

I am the sun - set sky I am the fo - rest breath - ing, I am the o - cean  
Cm/A Cm/A $\flat$  Cm B $\flat$  Gm7

*cresc*

*cresc*

16

wide I am the storm - clouds ga - ther ing\_ I am the moun - tain high.  
Cm Cm Fm G7sus4 G

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21 **CHORUS**

*mf*

I am the Earth I am the Earth

*mf*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *simile*

25

I am the Earth I am the Earth

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

29

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

33

*mp*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

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Verse 2

37 **ALTOS**  
*mp*

We are the chil - dren grow - ing      You are the place we live

Cm                      Cm/Bb                      Cm/A                      Cm/A<sup>b</sup>

*Ped.*                      *Ped.*                      *simile*

41

We are the seed you're sow - ing,      We are the life you give      We are the fu - ture

Cm                      Cm/Bb                      Cm/A                      Cm/A<sup>b</sup>                      Cm

46 *cresc*

ris - ing      We will be\_ your voice      We will watch and learn from you.

Bb                      Gm7                      Cm                      Fm

*cresc*

CHORUS

51 **SOPS**      *mf*

We will make\_ the      I am the Earth\_

**ALTOS**      *mf*

choice.      You're in our

G<sup>7sus4</sup>      G      Eb      Bb

*mf*

*Ped.*                      *Ped.*

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55

I am the Earth... I am the Earth...

hands we're in your care To-ge - ther we

*simile*

59

I am the Earth... time

stand This mo - ment in time

62

we share.

we share.

*Ped.*

65

*p*

*Ped.*

69 **Verse 3**  
*mp*

I am the ri - ver flow - ing, I am the de - sert dry I am the four winds  
*mp*  
We are the chil - dren grow ing, You are the place we live

*mp*

Cm Cm/Bb Cm/A Cm/A<sup>b</sup> Cm

Ped. Ped.

74

blow - ing, I am the sun - set sky I am the fo - rest breath - ing,  
*cresc*  
We are the seed you're sow - ing, We are the life you give

Cm/Bb Cm/A Cm/A<sup>b</sup> Cm Bb

*cresc*

79

I am the storm-clouds ga - ther - ing  
*cresc* *mf*  
We will be your voice We will make the

Gm Cm Fm Gm

*(cresc)*

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CHORUS

84 *mf*

I am the Earth I am the Earth

choice. You're in our hands

G Eb Bb Fm

*mf*

Ped. Ped. Ped.

88

I am the Earth I am the Earth

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

A<sup>b</sup> Eb B<sup>b</sup> 4 Fm

92

time we share.

This mo - ment in time we share.

A<sup>b</sup> 4 4 5 Eb B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>add9

Ped. Ped. Ped.



96 **OUTRO** **ALL** *f*

We share the fu-ture, stand side by side. One Earth, one

*f*

A<sup>b</sup>(add 9) E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>(add 9) E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/B

102

peo-ple, we'll turn the tide. And in the fu-ture they'll say with

E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>(add 9) B<sup>b</sup>sus<sup>4</sup> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>(add 9) E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>(add 9)

108

pride, One Earth, one peo-ple we turned the tide

E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/B E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>(add 9) B<sup>b</sup>sus<sup>4</sup>

113 *mf* *ritard.* **SOLO** *p*

side by side. side by side.

*mp*

side by side.

B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>(add 9) C<sup>m</sup> C<sup>m</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> C<sup>m</sup>/A C<sup>m</sup>/A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

*dim.* *ritard.* *p*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.