

For Debra R. Burgess, Co-Conductor, in celebration of her 10th Anniversary with Portland Symphonic Girlchoir.

# Lay Earth's Burden Down (2-part treble)

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Clapping

Soprano 1

Alto

Piano

**Freely, playing chords in response to each spoken phrase**

After sustaining life for a billion years... *p* our Earth is tired... on the brink of collapse. The burden is heavy... and Earth's children must lay it down. Here's the deal:

8<sup>vb</sup>-----

7  $\text{♩} = 125$

S 1

A

Pno.

*f* On the day when we lay this burd-en down, when we lay this burd-en down, \_\_\_\_\_ gon-na

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*f* *mf*

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12

S 1  
pick up, pick up a gold - en crown when we lay this burd - en down, down, down, when we

A  
pick up, pick up a gold - en crown when we lay this burd - en down, down, down,

Pno.

16

S 1  
lay this burd-en down. We gave the earth a hea - vy burd - en. We got-ta lay it down.

A  
lay this burd-en down. We gave the earth a hea - vy burd - en. We got-ta lay it down.

Pno.

21

S 1  
The word of warn - ing we have heard and we got-ta heal the sac - red ground, got-ta

A  
The word of warn - ing we have heard and we got-ta heal the sac - red ground, got-ta

Pno.

26

S 1

lay this burd-en down.\_\_\_\_\_ The gen-er - a - tions came be - fore\_\_\_\_\_ us,\_\_\_\_\_ they

A

lay this burd-en down.\_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

30

S 1

would not lay it down.\_\_\_\_\_ Now the mis-sion's left to the child-ren's chor - us We gon-na get up! Ya

A

Now the mis-sion's left to the child-ren's chor - us. We gon-na get up! Ya

Pno.

35

S 1

can't ig - nore us! We got-ta take it, break it, th'ow -

A

can't ig - nore us! Child - ren lay the burd - en down.

Pno.

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39

S 1  
— it on the ground. Child - ren, we got - ta end earth's burd - en. Child - ren, we got - ta break earth's burd - en.

A  
Child - ren, we got - ta end earth's burd - en. Child - ren we got - ta break earth's burd - en.

Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 39 through 43. The Soprano (S 1) and Alto (A) parts have lyrics. The piano accompaniment (Pno.) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand.

44

S 1  
It's time ta lay earth's burd - en. \_\_\_\_\_ While the earth grows in - creas-ing-ly tir - ed, the

A  
It's time ta lay, \_\_\_\_\_ ta lay \_\_\_\_\_ earth's bur - den down. Grows in - creas-ing-ly tir - ed, the

Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 44 through 48. The Soprano (S 1) and Alto (A) parts have lyrics. The piano accompaniment (Pno.) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand.

49

S 1  
fev - ered pitch goes high - er and high - er. By des - per - a - tion we're \_\_\_\_\_ in - spir - ed to

A  
fev - ered pitch goes high - er and high - er. By des - per - a - tion we're \_\_\_\_\_ in - spir - ed to

Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 49 through 53. The Soprano (S 1) and Alto (A) parts have lyrics. The piano accompaniment (Pno.) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand.

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65

S 1

it down. when we lay this burd-en

A

Gon-na clear the air. Gon-na heal the sac-red ground

Pno.

*rit.*

68

Clapping

S 1

down, gon-na lay this bur-den, this bur-den... Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah!

A

when we lay this burd-en, this bur-den... Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah!

Pno.

*rit.* *a tempo*

73

Clapping

S 1

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! when we lay this

A

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! when we lay this

Pno.

*rit.* *a tempo*

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86

S 1

burd - en, child - ren, lay this burd - en, child - ren, lay this burd - en, child - ren,

A

lay this burd - en, child - ren, lay this burd - en, child - ren, lay this burd - en,

Pno.

90

S 1

lay this burd - en, child - ren, lay this burd - - - en down. *rit.*

A

child - ren lay this burd - en, lay this burd - - - en down. *rit.*

Pno.

*rit.*

*8va*

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