

Peace

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About the Piece

This piece of music is based on the verses of Biblical text that read:

“Don’t worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”

1 Peter 5:7(NLT)

Written as a commissioned work for Chicago *a cappella*, this piece of music is meant to act as a prayer that one may not know needs to be said. As we all encounter life’s darkest valleys and brightest heights, it is important to remember peace. Many times, the main avenue for peace is the knowledge of love, knowing that someone is there to share your journey and everything that comes with it.



About the Composer

Sarai Hillman is a Riverdale-based composer who began her musical journey singing in the Baptist church, where she gained most of her influence from Gospel music. Losing both of her parents in her immediate life before her senior year of high school created the need for an expressive outlet for Hillman, and this pushed her into the world of music composition. Hillman's music seeks to tell the story of the listener. Through rhythmic qualities reminiscent of J.S. Bach's Cello Suite No. 1: Prelude and the Israeli Folk Song, "Zum Gali- Dance the Hora!", arranged by Maurice Goldman to chordal harmony influenced by Eric Whitacre's "A Boy and A Girl", "Something in My Heart" by Michel'le, Caroline Shaw's *To The Hands*, and countless others, Hillman's pieces use the remnants of her life's soundtrack to animate the story that she and the listener have in common.

Hillman attended Tri-Cities High School (TCHS) in East Point, Georgia where she studied in choral singing in the Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Magnet Program. After graduation from this program in May 2016, Hillman went on to attend Georgia State University where she earned her Bachelor of Music with a concentration in Music Composition in May 2021. During her time at Georgia State University, Hillman studied mezzo-soprano voice with W. Dwight Coleman and composition with Brent Milam. She also performed at the 2019 National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO) Conference in College Park, Maryland and recorded the album entitled *Heavenly Display* with the Georgia State University Singers.

While attending these institutions, Hillman has received outstanding awards and accolades including the very first TCHS VPA Choral Magnet Program Director's Award (2015) created and given by Ms. Lori Ann Christian as well as being selected as a winner of the *HerVoice: the Emerging Women Composers Competition* (2021). Her works have been performed by the Tri-Cities High School Mastery Chorale, Georgia State University Choral Union, Georgia State University Master Singers, Georgia State University Singers, the Seraphim Singers, and Chicago *a cappella*.

When Hillman is not composing, she is using her studies in voice at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church – Atlanta, where she leads praise and worship.

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♩ = 70
p *mp* *p* *mf* *mp* *p*

Soprano
Give all your cares and your wor-ries un - to God for He cares for you,

Alto
Give all your cares and wor-ries to God for He cares for you,

Alto
Give all your cares and wor-ries to God for He cares for you,

Tenor
Give all your cares and your wor-ries to God for He cares for you,

Bass
Give all your cares and wor-ries to God the Lord. cares, He cares for you,

8
mf *p* *mf*

S.
for He cares for you. Pray Pray Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

A1
for He cares for you. Pray Pray Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

A2
for He cares for you. Pray Pray Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

T.
for He cares for you. Pray Pray Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

B.
Oh, He cares, He cares for you. Pray Pray Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

17

S. *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *pp* *mp* *mf*
no-thing... no - thing... no, no - thing... Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

A1 *mp* *p* *pp* *mp* *mf*
no-thing... no-thing... no - thing Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

A2 *mp* *p* *pp* *mp* *mf*
no-thing... no-thing... no, no - thing Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

T. *mp* *p* *pp* *mp* *mf*
no-thing... no-thing... no - thing. no - thing Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

B. *mp* *p* *pp* *mp* *mf*
no-thing... no-thing no, no - thing Pray a-bout ev-ery-thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing,

25

S. *p* *mf*
no - thing... no, no - thing... no - thing... I'm in need of your won-der-ful peace. But in thanks -

A1 *p* *mf*
no - thing... no-thing... no - thing... I'm in need of your won-der-ful peace. But in thanks -

A2 *p* *mf*
no - thing... no-thing... no-thing... I'm in need of your won-der-ful peace. But in thanks -

T. *p* *mf*
no - thing... no - thing... no - thing... I'm in need of your won-der-ful peace. But in thanks -

B. *p* *mf*
no - thing... no - thing... no - thing... I'm in need of your won-der-ful peace. But in thanks -

31 *(♩ = 72)*
poco più mosso

S. giv-ing — be - fore your_ throne — for you've done great things! —

A1 *poco più mosso*
giv-ing — be - fore your throne for you've done great things! —

A2 *poco più mosso*
giv-ing — be - fore your throne for you have done great things! —

T. *poco più mosso*
8 giv - ving_ be - fore your throne. for you have done great things! —

B. *poco più mosso*
giv-ing, I shall come be - fore your throne. for_ you done mar-ve - lous_ things! But in thanks -

35

S. in thanks-giv-ing for You_ have done great_ things_ done great things.

A1 I shall come I shall come great, great things...

A2 great things_ in_ thanks. giv - ing!_ great, great things..._

T. 8 I shall come be - fore your throne_ thank - ing You for all you've done! great, great things..._ great things.

B. giv-ing, I shall come be - fore_ your throne! For You have done great things... Sur -

39

S. *p*
mm mm

A1 *p*
mm mm The_

A2 *p*
mm mm

T. *p*
mm mm

B. *mp*
pass my un-der-stand - ing. Sur - pass my un-der-stand - ing. My un-der-stand - ing, sur - pass my un-der-stand - ing.

43

S.
in the Pre-sence of my_ Lord, in His Pre-sence,

A1
Peace. of God will_ guard your hearts. The_

A2
The Peace_ of God will guard your ev-ery thought.

T.
Peace Your. Peace Your.

B.
My un-der-stand - ing, sur - pass my un-der-stand-ing. My un - der-stand - ing, sur - pass my un - der-stand - ing.

47

S. in the Pre-sence of my Lord, in His Pre-sence, in the Pre-sence of my Lord, my

A1 Peace of God will guard your hearts. The Peace of God... Lord, my

A2 The Peace of God will guard your ev - ery thought. The Peace of God will

T. Peace Your Peace Your Peace Your

B. *p* My un - der - stand - ing, sur - pass my un - der - stand - ing. My un - der - stand - ing, sur -

50

S. *poco a poco cresc.* Lord, in His Pre-sence in the Pre-sence of my Lord, my Lord in the Pre-sence of my Lord

A1 *poco a poco cresc.* Lord in His Pre-sence Peace of God, the Peace of God, the

A2 *poco a poco cresc.* guard your ev - ery thought. the Peace of God the Peace of God

T. *poco a poco cresc.* Peace, Your Peace Your Peace Your

B. *poco a poco cresc.* pass my un - der - stand - ing. my un der stand ing, my un - der - stand - ing,

53 *mf* *p* *f* *poco rit.*

S. in the Pre-sence of my Lord, my Lord, Your Un-der - stand - ing Un-der - stand-ing, Un-der - stand -

A1 *mf* *p* *f* *poco rit.*

Peace of God... Lord, my Lord, Your Un-der - stand - ing Un-der - stand-ing, Un-der - stand -

A2 *mf* *p* *f* *poco rit.*

the Peace of God... Lord, Your Un-der - stand - ing, Un-der - stand-ing, Un-der - stand-ing...

T. *mf* *p* *f* *poco rit.*

Peace Your Peace, Your Un-der - stand - ing Un-der stand - ing, Un-der - stand -

B. *mf* *p* *f* *poco rit.*

my un - der-stand - ing, Oh... Lord, Your Un-der - stand-ing Un-der - stand - ing, Un-der - stand -

60 *mp* *tempo primo* *p*

S. - ing... all my cares for peace more peace Your Peace

A1 *mp* *tempo primo* *p*

- ing... Your peace, for He cares for peace Your Peace

A2 *mp* *tempo primo* *p*

all my cares for peace I need Your Peace

T. *mp* *tempo primo* *p*

ing... Your peace, for He cares for peace Your Peace

B. *mp* *tempo primo* *p*

ing... all my cares for peace more peace Your Peace

67 *mf*

S. Give all your cares and your wor-ries to God for He cares for you! Pray a-bout

A1 Give all your cares and your wor-ries to God for He cares for you! Pray a-bout

A2 Give all your cares and your wor-ries to God for He cares for you! Pray a-bout

T. Give all your cares and your wor-ries to God for He cares for you! Pray a-bout

B. Give all your cares and your wor-ries to God for He cares for you! Pray a-bout

72 *p* *mf* *poco a poco dim.* *p*

S. ev-ery thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing no-thing... no-thing... no-thing... I'm in need of your won-der-ful

A1 *p* *mf* *poco a poco dim.* *p* *pp*

A1 ev-ery thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing no-thing... no-thing... no-thing... I'm in need of your won-der peace.---

A2 *p* *mf* *poco a poco dim.* *p* *pp*

A2 ev-ery thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing no-thing... no-thing... no-thing... I'm in need of your peace.---

T. *p* *mf* *poco a poco dim.* *p* *pp*

T. ev-ery thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing no-thing... no-thing... no-thing... I'm in need of your peace.---

B. *p* *mf* *poco a poco dim.* *p*

B. ev-ery thing, and wor-ry a-bout no-thing no-thing... no-thing... no-thing... I'm in need of your won-der-ful