

Great, Wide, Beautiful,
Wonderful World

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music by
Lane Johnson



About the composer

Lane Johnson (b. 1958) received his Bachelor's degree in Music Theory and Composition in 1982 and a Secondary Teaching Certificate, with an emphasis in Choral Music, from Brigham Young University in 1986. He has taught choral music at both Junior High and High School levels and has conducted various church choirs. Lane's compositions and arrangements have been widely performed, including performances at National and Regional ACDA conventions, all-state concerts, and Tabernacle Choir broadcasts. He has completed several commissioned works for a number of university, community, and school choirs.



In addition to his work as a freelance composer and arranger, he works full-time as a Senior Software Engineering Manager. He is married to Marcia Skousen Johnson and resides near Salt Lake City, Utah.

Text

Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful World,
With the wonderful water round you curled,
And the wonderful grass upon your breast-
World, you are beautifully dressed

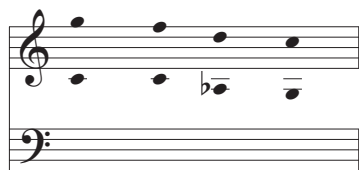
The wonderful air is over me,
And the wonderful wind is shaking the trees,
It walks on the water, and whirls the mills,
And talks to itself on the tops of the hills.

You friendly Earth! how far do you go,
With the wheat-fields that nod and the rivers that flow,
With cities and gardens, and cliffs, and isles,
And people upon you for thousands of miles?

Ah, you are so great, and I am so small,
I tremble to think of you, World, at all;
And yet, when I said my prayers to-day,
A whisper inside me seemed to say,
"You are more than the Earth, though you are such a dot:
You can love and think, and the Earth cannot!"

by William Brighty Rands
(1823-1882)

Ranges



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With joy ♩ = 69

Piano

A
Soprano I/II unis.

5 *mf*

Great, wide, beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful World,

Alto I/II unis. *mf*

Great, wide, beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful World,

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With the won - der - ful wa - ter, wat - er a - round you

With the won - der - ful wa - ter, wat - er a - round you

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curled, _____ And the won - der - ful grass up -

curled, _____ And the grass up -

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on ___ your breast, the won - der - ful grass up - on ___ your breast,

on your breast, the won - der - ful grass up - on your breast,

17

World, _ you are beau - ti - fu'ly, beau - ti - fu'ly drest.

World, you are beau - ti - fu'ly, beau - ti - fu'ly drest.

20

The won - der - ful air is

The won - der - ful air is

B

23

o - ver me And the won - der - ful wind is

o - ver me, is o-ver me And the won - der - ful wind is

26

shak - ing, shak-ing the tree, *mp* It

shak - ing, shak-ing the tree, *mp* It

*poco rit.*

S
walks on the wa-ter, whirls the mills, And talks to it-self on the tops of the hills.

S
walks on the wa-ter, whirls the mills, And talks to it-self on the tops of the hills.

A
walks on the wa - ter, whirls the mills, And talks to it-self on the tops of the hills.

A
walks on the wa - ter, whirls the mills, And talks to it-self on the tops of the hills.

poco rit.

*a tempo**mf**mp*

Great wide, beau-ti-ful won-der-ful World. You

Great, wide, beau-ti-ful won-der-ful World. You

Great, wide, beau-ti-ful won-der-ful World.

Great, wide, beau-ti-ful won-der-ful World.

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Tenderly

friend - ly Earth! _____ how far do you go, _____ With the

friend - ly Earth! _____ how far do you go, _____ With the

p How far do you go?

p How far do you go?

Tenderly

mp

41

wheat-fields that nod _____ and the riv-ers that flow, _____

wheat-fields that nod _____ and the riv-ers that flow _ and flow _ and flow, _____

wheat - fields and riv - ers that flow. _____ *mp* With

wheat - fields and riv - ers that flow. _____ *mp* With

45

cit-ies and gar-dens, cliffs_ and isles, And peo-ple up - on you for thou-sands of miles? How

cit-ies and gar-dens, cliffs_ and isles, And peo-ple up - on you for thou-sands of miles? How

mp

How far do you go? How far do you go? You

How far do you go? How far do you go? You

far do you go? How far do you go?

far do you go? How far do you go?

mp *mf*

E

53

friend - ly Earth! _____ how far do you go, _____ With the

friend - ly Earth! _____ how far do you go, _____ With the

mf How far _____ do you go? _____ *mf* How far do you go? With the

How far do you go?

57

wheat-fields that nod _____ and the riv-ers that flow, _____ *mp* With *mp*

wheat-fields that nod _____ and the riv-ers that flow, _____ With *mp*

wheat-fields that nod _____ and the riv-ers that ri-vers that flow_ and flow. _____ With *mp*

wheat-fields that nod _____ and the riv-ers that flow, _____ With

poco rit.

61

cit-ies and gar-dens, cliffs_ and isles, And peo-ple up-on you for thou-sands of miles?

cit-ies and gar-dens, cliffs_ and isles, And peo-ple up-on you for thou-sands of miles?

cit-ies and gar-dens, cliffs_ and isles, And peo-ple up-on you for thou-sands of miles?

cit-ies and gar-dens, cliffs_ and isles, And peo-ple up-on you for thou-sands of miles?

mp

poco rit.

a tempo

65

Great, wide beau-ti-ful won-der-ful World!

Great, wide beau-ti-ful won-der-ful World!

Great, wide beau-ti-ful won-der-ful World!

Great, wide beau-ti-ful won-der-ful World!

f

a tempo

f

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mp

Great World, you are so great_ and I so small_ I

With joyful reverence

mp

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trem-ble to think of you, World, at all; And

trem-ble to think of you, World, at all;

trem-ble to think of you, World, at all;

trem-ble to think of you, World, at all;

A little slower**rit.**

yet, when I said my prayers to-day, A whisper in-side me seemed to say,
 When I prayed to-day, A whisper in-side me seemed to say,
 When I prayed to-day, A whisper in-side me seemed to say,
 When I prayed to-day, A whisper in-side me seemed to say,

A little slower **rit.**

a tempo**mf**

"You are more than the Earth, You are more than the Earth,
 "You are more than the Earth, You are more than the Earth,
 "You are more than the Earth, You are more than the Earth,
 "You are more than the Earth, You are more than the Earth,"

a tempo **mf**

84 **rit.** **Resolutely**
mf
 Earth, _____ though you are such a dot: You can love and think _____
mf
 Earth, more! Oh, such a dot: You can love and think _____
mf
 Earth, more! Oh, such a dot: Love and
 Earth, more than the Earth! such a dot: Love and
rit. **Resolutely**
mf

88 **H** **Grandioso, a tempo**
f
 _____ and the Earth can-not! Great, wide,
f
 _____ and the Earth can-not!" Great, wide,
f
 think and the Earth can-not!" Great, wide,
f
 think and the Earth, the Earth can - not!" Great, wide,
rit. **Grandioso, a tempo**
f

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beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful World, With the won-der-ful wa-ter,
 beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful World, With the won-der-ful wa-ter,
 beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful World, With the won-der-ful wa-ter,
 beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful beau-ti-ful, won-der-ful World, With the won-der-ful wa-ter,

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wat-er a-round you curled, *mf* With wheat-fields that nod and
 wat-er a-round you curled, *mf* With wheat-fields that nod and
 wat-er a-round you wa-ter a-round you curled, *mf* wheat - fields,
 wat-er a-round you curled, *mf* wheat - fields,

100

rit. a tempo

riv - ers that flow, With cit - ies and isles how far do you go? Great, wide,

riv - ers that flow, With cit - ies and isles how far do you go? Great, wide,

riv - ers flow, cit - ies, isles how far do you go? Great, wide,

riv - ers flow, cit - ies, isles how far do you go? Great, wide,

rit. a tempo

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rit.

beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful World,

beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful World,

beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful World, won - der - ful World!

beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful World,

rit.



Broaden

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mf Beau - ti - ful won - der - ful World! *f* Beau - ti - ful,
mf Beau - ti - ful won - der - ful World! *f* Beau - ti - ful,
mf Beau - ti - ful won - der - ful World! *f* Beau - ti - ful,
mf Beau - ti - ful won - der - ful World! *f* Beau - ti - ful,

Broaden

f

PREVIEW

rit.

111

ff Won - der - ful World!
ff Won - der - ful World!
ff Won - der - ful World!
ff Won - der - ful World!

rit.

ff

8vb *loco*