



TTBB Voices & Piano

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Stand in the Sun

Words and Music by **CONNOR WARREN SMITH**

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About the Composer



Connor Warren Smith is a Los Angeles-based performer, studio vocalist, arranger and composer. An award-winning and internationally-recognized choral composer & vocal arranger, Connor's commissioned and published choral pieces are performed across the globe. Aside from his work with choral groups, Connor's writing in the Children's Music genre has afforded him 13 Teachers' Choice, Parents' Choice, and Academics' Choice Awards. Connor served as the Graduate Composer in Residence at California Baptist University, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Composition and a Master's Degree in Conducting, studying with Dr. Glenn Pickett, Dr. Gary Bonner, and Dr. Judd Bonner. Today, he enjoys writing commissioned works for local and national choirs and groups, as well as working with choral publishers across the country.

Aside from his work as a composer, Connor is probably most known first and foremost as a vocalist. An in-demand LA session singer and proud member of SAG-AFTRA, Connor's voice has appeared in major motion pictures, television shows, albums, Disney Recording[®], and more. In 2018, Connor was signed to Disney Music Group, releasing an album with Disney's critically-acclaimed a cappella group "DCappella" the following year. As a touring artist, vocal director, and guest soloist Connor has performed around the world from renowned concert halls and recording studios to the stages of the Disneyland Resort and Universal Studios Hollywood. In 2016, Connor traveled to Beijing, China, winning the Hope International Music Festival. He has had the proud honor to be a guest soloist with the Golden State Pops Orchestra and Lviv Philharmonic in Ukraine, among others. He has also had the immense pleasure of sharing the stage with music icons such as Jason Mraz, Camila Cabello, Colbie Caillat, and Disney legends Dick Van Dyke, Jodi Benson, and Brad Kane. Learn more and connect with him at ConnorSmithMusic.com.

Stand in the Sun

"Stand in the Sun" by Connor Warren Smith, is a powerful anthem originally written for the Denver Gay Men's Chorus. With a message of resilience, self-acceptance, and unity, this emotionally charged piece encourages performers to stand proudly and support one another. The vibrant piano accompaniment enhances the uplifting lyrics, making it a perfect selection for celebrations of love, equality, and strength.



Recordings are available on all major streaming services.

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Confident, ♩ = 88-90

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a piano introduction marked *mf*. The piano part consists of two staves. The vocal part is a tenor solo, starting at measure 5, marked *mp*. The lyrics are: "Beat down, bro-ken; they have tried to hide me a-way. They called me dir-ty, wretch-ed; but I know I don't feel that way." The score includes piano accompaniment for the vocal lines and a separate piano accompaniment section at the bottom.

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11

8 Cast out, — let go, but I won't go — too qui - et - ly.

13

8 No, — My heart is strong and they can't take my joy

16

8 from me. Who I — am — is not a sin,

18

8 — 'cause all I — feel — is love with -

20

in. _____ We will stand in _____ the sun,

Tenor I/II *mp*

We will stand in _____ the sun,

Bass I/II *mp*

We will stand in _____ the sun,

22

_____ fight _____ for our right _____ to _____ love.

_____ fight _____ for our right _____ to _____ love.

_____ fight _____ for our right _____ to _____ love.

24

— We will hold our head up high. — We stand to-

— We will hold our head up high. — We stand to-

— We will hold our head up high. — We stand to-

27

ge-ther. — We stand to - ge-ther. — Hand in

ge-ther. — We stand to - ge-ther. — Hand in

ge-ther. — We stand to - ge-ther. — Hand in

29

hand, heart in heart,

hand, heart in heart,

hand, heart in heart,

31

Dig in!
this is where change starts.

Dig in!
this is where change starts.

Dig in!
this is where change starts.

39

mf

Knocked out, pushed down; but we're not gi - vin' up — to - day,

mf

Knocked out, pushed down; but we're not gi - vin' up — to - day,

mf

41

No, ——— We stand as one

we're still fight - in! We stand as one

we're still fight - in! We stand as one

43

and we grow strong-er ev - 'ry day! _____

and we grow strong-er ev - 'ry day! _____

and we grow strong-er ev - 'ry day! _____

45

Who I am is not a sin, gon-na

Whoa, whoa, whoa

Whoa, whoa, whoa

47 *to part*

let my light shine in.

Hah ah ah We will

Hah ah We will

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49

stand in the sun, fight

stand in the sun, fight

mf

8^{va}

51

for our right to love. We will

for our right to love. We will

53

hold our head up high. We stand to-

hold our head up high. We stand to-

8^{va}

55

ge-ther. We stand to - ge-ther. Hand in

ge-ther. We stand to - ge-ther. Hand in

(8^{va})

57

8 hand, heart in heart, _____

8 hand, heart in heart, _____

(8va)

59

8 *Dig in to it!*
this is where change starts. _____

8 *Dig in to it!*
this is where change starts. _____

61

8 We will be proud of who we are. _____

8 We will be proud of who we are. _____

63

f And oh,

65

f And oh, I can feel it ris -

And oh, *f* And oh, I can feel it ris -

67

in, in! Let the light in. The dawn

in, ris - in! Let the light in.

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69 The dawn, — our dawn — is com -

The dawn, —

The dawn, — our dawn — is com -

71 - in', com - in'. We're not — run - nin'.

- in', com in'. We're not — run - nin'.

73 *cresc.* We can feel the light!

cresc. We can feel the light!

cresc.

75 **Tenor solo** *ff*

Oh, _____ feel the light! _____ We will

ff We will

ff We will

cresc.

77

stand, _____

stand in the sun, _____ fight

stand in _____ the sun, _____ fight

ff

79

8

fight for our right to love. We will

8

for our right to love. We will

8

for our right to love. We will

81

8

Hold our head up high! We stand to -

8

hold our head up high. We stand to -

8

hold our head up high. We stand to -

8va

83

We stand to-ge-ther! Oh! _____
 ge-ther. We stand to - ge-ther. _____ Hand in
 ge-ther. We stand to - ge-ther. _____ Hand in

(8^{va})

85

Heart in heart, _____
 hand, heart in heart, _____
 hand, heart in heart, _____

(8^{va})

87

8 this is where _ change starts. _____

8 this is where _ change starts. _____

8 this is where _ change starts. _____

(*8va*) - - -

89

8 We will _ be proud _ of who we are.

8 We will _ be proud _ of who we are.

8 We will _ be proud _ of who we are.

91

Proud of who we are! _____
 Proud of who we are! _____
 Of who we are!) _____
 Proud of who we are! _____

93

We will stand _____ in the sun! _____
 We will stand _____ in the sun! _____
 We will stand _____ in the sun! _____

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