2015 OAKE National Conference Secondary Choral Reading Session: We Gather Together in Song

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Repertoire

- 1. Kings' Processional TTB Debra Morton Brilee BL820
- 2. Kenyan Dances-10495639 SA Arr. Gregory/LeJeune- Hal Leonard 00139976
- 3. Always Be My Home-Unison Stuart Chapman Hill HMC2383
- 4. Velo que bonito-SSA Arr. Zuleta Hal Leonard 48022644
- 5. I Remember-Sarah Quartel SA Oxford ISBN 978-0-19-339228-1
- 6. Daa Naa Se SATB Arr. Wise Hindon HPC7102
- 7. Toraji Taryong 2 part Treble Arr. Vicor Bobetsky Hinshaw HMC2350
- 8. I Sing Because I'm Happy SATB Arr. Rollo Dilworth Hal Leonard 00124479

King's Processional

- Small range within each part accommodates all male voice types
- Builds esprit de corps in minutes through beautiful harmonies
- Add bass bars for harmonic support
- Transpose to whatever key best fits your male singers

Kenyan Dances

- Welcome Tim Gregory, who will share information.
- Strong, easy to learn melodies that appeal to all.
- Interesting harmonies that are repetitive yet provide just enough challenge.
- Upbeat, joyous piece that lifts spirits and give all abilities the chance to be successful in multiple ranges.

Always Be My Home

- Accommodates ideal range for developing female voice.
- AB form with phrasing that developing breath control.
- Melody can also be sung in octaves for older mixed choir.
- Esprit de corps builder, with text appropriate for graduation.

Velo que bonito

- Middle part gets the melody!
- Each part has its own "tune".
- Fantastic energy that builds momentum and provides a contrasting lyrical middle section that features the lower part.

I Remember

- Text suitable for special occasions honoring senior citizens, grandparents, or those departing a school.
- Can be sung without the harmony.
- m-r-r-d phrase builds a sense of legato phrasing
- Older choir members from other choirs loved listening to this so much, they requested a recording.

Daa Naa Se

- Suitable for advance middle school, high school, or college choirs.
- Small range melody and simple harmonies with limited ranges.
- Variety of ways to perform the song.

Toraji Taryong

- Pentatonic melody which can be played on Orff instruments
- Limited range lower part perfect for early changing voices.
- Easy counterpoint encourages inner-hearing and sight reading skills.

I Sing Because I'm Happy

- Students request to sing this during recess!
- Great piece for encouraging vocal improvisation.
- Ranges accommodate typical middle school voicings.
- Students enjoy the contract between voices.
- Full SATB sound maximizes possible projection.
- Leaves students wanting to sing MORE!

Thanks for attending!

- I hope you found some music you can use.
- Feel free to contact me at mrlj@me.com for other ideas about repertoire.