

FDR's Four Freedoms

a setting for a cappella mixed chorus
of a text adapted from
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's
1941 State of the Union Address

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The Four Freedoms is a work for a cappella mixed chorus on a text adapted from the section (reproduced below) of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 1941 State of the Union Address that articulates Four Freedoms which he believed were universal human rights and the core of America's commitment to the world. Uttered less than a year before the United States' entry into World War II, already being fought at the time of the speech in Europe and Asia, The Four Freedoms proposed a vision for a postwar world worthy of the war's desperate struggle and terrible sacrifice. They remain worthwhile goals today.

This is what FDR said:

We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want—which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants—everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear—which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor—anywhere in the world.

That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation.

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Duration: ca. 10'30"

for a cappella mixed chorus

Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt (from his 1941 State of the Union Address)

Music: Mark Zuckerman

Resolute ♩ = 72

mf

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano Reduction (rehearsal only)

Free - dom - Free -

Free - dom - Free -

Free - dom -

Free - dom -

mf

12

cresc.

f

dom - Free - dom - Free - dom Free -

- dom - Free - dom Free - dom Free -

Free - dom - Free - dom Free - dom Free -

Free - dom - Free - dom Free - dom Free -

cresc.

f

Free - dom - Free - dom Free - dom Free -

Free - dom Free - dom Free -

cresc.

f

Free - dom Free - dom Free -

Free - dom Free -

26

dom Free - dom Free - dom ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

dom Free - dom Free - dom ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

8 dom Free - dom Free - dom ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

dom Free - dom Free - dom ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

40

ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward

ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward

8 ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward to a world

ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward to a world

55

ev' - ry - where on four es - sen - tial hu - man free - doms.

ev' - ry - where on four es - sen - tial hu - man free - doms.

8 Hmm found - ed on four es - sen - tial hu - man free - doms.

Hmm found - ed on four es - sen - tial hu - man free - doms.

68

ev' - ry - where We look for - ward First free - dom: The first is free - dom of

ev' - ry - where We look for - ward First free - dom:

8 Hmm First free - dom:

Hmm First free - dom:

mf

83 *cresc.*

speech and ex - pres - sion The

mf The first is free - dom of

mf The first is free - dom of speech and ex - pres -

mf The first is free - dom of speech and ex - pres - sion

cresc.

95

first is free - dom of speech and ex - pres - sion

cresc. speech free - dom The first is free - dom of speech

cresc. sion ex - pres - sion ex - pres - sion ex - pres - sion

cresc. and ex - pres - sion ex - pres - sion is free - dom

107 *f*

ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where in the world. _____

f

ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward _____

f

8 ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward _____

f

ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward _____

122 *mp*

Se - cond free - dom: _____ The se - cond _____ is free - dom _____ of ev' - ry

mp *mf*

Se - cond free - dom: _____ The se - cond _____ is free - dom _____ of ev' - ry

mp *mf*

8 Se - cond free - dom: _____ The se - cond _____ is free - dom _____ of ev' - ry

mp *mf*

Se - cond free - dom: _____ The se - cond _____ is free - dom _____ of ev' - ry

137

per - son to wor - ship God in his own way

per - son to wor - ship God in his own way *cresc.*

per - son to wor *cresc.* - ship

per - son to wor -

150

to wor - ship God in your own way

to wor - ship God in your own way

God wor - ship God in your own way

- ship God wor - ship God in your own way

164

ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____ in the world.

ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____ in the world.

8 ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where in the world.

ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where in the world.

176

mp Third free - dom: _____

mp Third free - dom: _____

mp We look for - ward _____ Third free - dom: _____

mp We look for - ward _____ Third free - dom: _____ *mf* The third is free - dom from

mf

190

mf *cresc.*

The third _____ is free - dom from want _____

mf *cresc.*

The third _____ is free - dom from want _____ from

mf *cresc.*

The third _____ is free - dom from want _____

cresc.

want _____ The third _____ is free - dom from want _____

202

f

_____ from want _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where _____

f

want _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where _____

f

want _____ ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where _____

f

_____ ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where _____

214

mp

ev' - ry - where _____ in the world. _____ Fourth _____ free - dom: _____

mp

ev' - ry - where _____ in the world. _____ Fourth _____ free - dom: _____

mp

8 ev' - ry - where _____ in the world. _____ Fourth _____ free - dom: _____

mp

ev' - ry - where _____ in the world. _____ Fourth _____ free - dom: _____

mp

228

mf

The fourth _____ is free - dom free - dom free - dom _____ from

mf

The fourth _____ is free - dom free - dom free - dom _____ from

mf

8 The fourth _____ is free - dom free - dom free - dom _____ from

mf

The fourth _____ is free - dom free - dom free - dom _____ from

mf

242

f *mf* *f*

fear from fear free - dom from fear a - ny - where

f *mf* *f*

fear from fear free - dom from fear a - ny - where

8

fear from fear free - dom from fear a - ny - where

fear from fear free - dom from fear a - ny - where

f *mf* *f*

fear from fear free - dom from fear a - ny - where

257

a - ny - where a - ny - where in the world.

a - ny - where a - ny - where in the world.

8

a - ny - where a - ny - where a - ny - where in the world.

a - ny - where a - ny - where a - ny - where in the world.

a - ny - where a - ny - where a - ny - where in the world.

271 *mf* *f* *dim.*

four es - sen - tial hu - man free - doms. free - dom of speech and ex - pres - sion *dim.*

mf *f* *dim.*

four es - sen - tial hu - man free - doms. to wor - ship God in your

mf *f* *dim.*

four es - sen - tial hu - man free - doms. free - dom of speech and ex - pres - sion *dim.*

mf *f* *dim.*

four es - sen - tial hu - man free - doms. to wor - ship God in your

mf *f*

284 *f*

free - dom from want ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

own way free - dom from fear ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

f

free - dom from want ev' - ry - where ev' - ry -

f

own way free - dom from fear ev' - ry - where ev' - ry -

296

ev' - ry - where in the world. *mf* That is no vi - sion

where ev' - ry - where in the world. *mf* That is no vi - sion

where ev' - ry - where in the world. *mf* That is no vi - sion

309

of a dis - tant mil - len - ni - um. *f* It is the kind of *mp* *cresc.*

of a dis - tant mil - len - ni - um. *f* It is the kind of *mp* *cresc.*

of a dis - tant mil - len - ni - um. *f* It is the kind of *mp* *cresc.*

of a dis - tant mil - len - ni - um. *f* It is the kind of *mp* *cresc.*

322

world at - tain - a - ble in our own time and ge - ner - a - tion. *ff*

world at - tain - a - ble in our own time and ge - ner - a - tion. *ff*

world at - tain - a - ble in our own time and ge - ner - a - tion. *ff*

world at - tain - a - ble in our own time and ge - ner - a - tion. *ff*

336

mf Free - dom *cresc.* Free - dom

mf Free - dom *cresc.* Free - dom

mf Free - dom *cresc.* Free - dom

mf Free - dom *cresc.* Free - dom

350

Free - - - dom _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____

Free - - - dom Free - dom _____ ev' - ry - where _____ ev' - ry - where _____

Free - - - dom Free - dom _____ ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

Free - - - dom Free - dom _____ ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

363

ev' - ry - where in the world. _____ for - ward _____

ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward _____

ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward _____

ev' - ry - where in the world. We look for - ward for - ward _____