

The Four Freedoms

a setting for a cappella men's 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 men's 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.

The Four Freedoms

Duration: ca. 7'30"

for a cappella men's chorus

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

Resolute (♩ = 72)

Tenor 1 *mf* *f* Free - dom Free - dom

Tenor 2 *mf* *f* Free - dom Free - dom Free - dom

Bass 1 *mf* *f* Free - dom Free - dom Free - dom Free - dom

Bass 2 *mf* *f* Free - dom Free - dom Free - dom

Resolute (♩ = 72)

Piano reduction (for rehearsal) *mf* *f*

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T 1 *ff* *f* Free dom ev' - ry - where

T 2 *ff* *f* Free - dom ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

B 1 *ff* *f* Free - dom ev' - ry - where ev' - ry - where

B 2 *ff* *f* Free - dom ev' - ry - where

Pno. *ff* *f*

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19

mf

T 1 in the world. We look for - ward to a

mp

T 2 in the world. in the world. Free - dom

mp

B 1 in the world. in the world. Free - dom

mp

B 2 in the world. Free - dom

Pno.

26

f

T 1 world found - ed on four es - sen - tial hu - man free - doms.

mf

T 2 Free - dom ev' - ry - where

mf

B 1 Free - dom ev' - ry - where

mf

B 2 Free - dom ev' - ry - where

Pno.

33

p *mf* *f*

T 1

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

p *sf* *mf*

T 2

First free-dom: Hmm Free-dom Free-dom Free-dom

p *sf* *mf*

B 1

First free-dom: Hmm Free-dom Free-dom Free-dom

p *sf* *mf*

B 2

First free-dom: Hmm Free-dom Free-dom Free-dom

Pno.

p *mf* *f* *mf*

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mf *f*

T 1

ev'-ry-where in the world.

sf *mf*

T 2

Hmm Free-dom ev'-ry-where in the world.

sf *mf*

B 1

Hmm Free-dom ev'-ry-where in the world.

sf *mf*

B 2

Hmm Free-dom ev'-ry-where in the world.

Pno.

f *mf*

49

p *mp*

T 1

Se - cond free - dom: Ah Ah Ah

T 2

Se - cond free-dom: Ah Ah Ah

B 1

Se - cond free-dom: Ah Ah Ah

B 2

p *mf* *f*

Se - cond free-dom: The se - cond is free-dom of ev' - ry per-son to wor - ship God in his

Pno.

p *mf*

57

mf *f*

T 1

Ah Free - dom Free - dom Ah Free - dom ev' - ry -

T 2

mf *f*

Ah Free - dom Free - dom Ah Free - dom ev' - ry -

B 1

mf *f*

Ah Free - dom Ah Free - dom ev' - ry -

B 2

f

own way ev' - ry - where in the world. ev' - ry -

Pno.

65

T 1 *p* *mf* *sfp* *mf* *sfp*
where in the world. Third free - dom: Free - dom Free - dom

T 2 *p* *mf*
where in the world. Third free - dom: The third is free - dom from

B 1 *p* *mf*
where in the world. Third free - dom: The third is free - dom from

B 2 *p* *mf* *sfp* *mf* *sfp*
where in the world. Third free - dom: Free - dom Free - dom

Pno. *p* *mf*

73

T 1 *mf* *f* *mf*
free - dom from want free - dom from want ev' - ry - where

T 2 *f* *mf*
want free - dom from want ev' - ry - where in the world.

B 1 *f* *mf*
want free - dom from want ev' - ry - where in the world.

B 2 *mf* *f* *mf*
free - dom from want free - dom from want ev' - ry - where

Pno. *f* *mf*

82 *f*

T 1 Free - dom ev' - ry - where in the world.

T 2 Free - dom ev' - ry - where in the world.

B 1 Free - dom ev' - ry - where in the world.

B 2 Free - dom ev' - ry - where in the world.

Pno. *f*

90 *mp* *p*

T 1 ev' - ry - where in the world. Fourth free - dom:

T 2 *mp* *p* ev' - ry - where in the world. Fourth free - dom:

B 1 *mp* *p* ev' - ry - where in the world. Fourth free - dom:

B 2 *mp* *p* ev' - ry - where in the world. Fourth free - dom:

Pno. *mp* *p*

97

mf *f*

T 1

The fourth is free-dom from fear — free - dom from

mf *f*

T 2

The fourth is free-dom from fear — The fourth — from fear The fourth is free - dom from

mf *f*

B 1

The fourth is free-dom from fear The fourth is free - dom from

mf *f*

B 2

The fourth — from fear — free - dom from

Pno.

mf *f*

106

ff

T 1

fear — fear — free-dom from fear a - - - ny - where in the world.

ff

T 2

fear — fear — free-dom from fear a - ny-where in the world.

ff

B 1

fear — fear — free-dom from fear a - ny-where in the world. —

ff

B 2

fear — fear — free-dom from fear a - ny - where in the world.

Pno.

ff

114

f *mf*

T 1 four — es-sen - tial hu - man free - doms. Free - dom Free - dom

T 2 four — es-sen - tial hu - man free - doms. Free - dom Free - dom

B 1 four — es-sen - tial hu - man free - doms. free-dom of speech — and — ex-pres -

B 2 four — es-sen - tial hu - man free - doms. free-dom of speech — and — ex-pres -

Pno. *f* *mf*

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f *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

T 1 Free - dom Free-dom to wor - ship in your own way free -

T 2 Free - dom Free-dom to wor - ship in your own way free-dom from want —

B 1 sion Free-dom Free - dom — Free - dom free-dom from want —

B 2 sion Free - dom Free - dom — Free - dom free -

Pno. *f* *mf* *f*

129

T 1 *mf* *mp*
- dom from fear _____ ev' - ry - where in the world. _____ That is no vi - sion of a

T 2 *mf* *mp*
_____ Free-dom ev' - ry - where in the world. _____ That is no vi - sion of a

B 1 *mf* *mp*
_____ Free-dom ev' - ry - where in the world. _____ That is no vi - sion of a

B 2 *mf* *mp*
- dom from fear _____ ev' - ry - where in the world. _____ That is no vi - sion of a

Pno. *mf* *mp*

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T 1 *mf* *f*
dis - tant mil - len - ni - um. _____ It is the kind of world at - tain - a -

T 2 *mf* *f*
dis - tant mil - len - ni - um. _____ It is the kind of world at - tain - a -

B 1 *mf* *f*
dis - tant mil - len - ni - um. _____ It is the kind of world at - tain - a -

B 2 *mf* *f*
dis - tant mil - len - ni - um. _____ It is the kind of world at - tain - a -

Pno. *mf* *f*

poco meno mosso

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T 1
ble in our own time and ge - ner - a - tion. Free - dom Free -

T 2
ble in our own time and ge - ner - a - tion. Free - dom Free -

B 1
ble in our own time and ge - ner - a - tion. Free - dom

B 2
ble in our own time and ge - ner - a - tion. Free - dom

Pno.

poco meno mosso

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T 1
dom Free - dom Free-dom ev' - ry - where in the world. *ff*

T 2
dom Free-dom Free - dom Free-dom Free-dom ev' - ry - where in the world. Free - dom *ff*

B 1
Free - dom Free - dom Free - dom Free-dom ev' - ry - where in the world. Free - dom *ff*

B 2
Free - dom Free - dom Free - dom Free-dom ev' - ry - where in the world. Free - dom *ff*

Pno.