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THIS WE KNOW

*The earth does not belong to us,
we belong to the earth.*

for
ssaa chorus
mezzo-soprano solo
oboe
cello

for the Seattle Women's Ensemble

THIS WE KNOW

The earth does not belong to us,
we belong to the earth.
All things are connected like the
blood that unites one family.
Whatever befalls the earth
befalls the children of the earth.
We did not weave the web of life
we are merely a strand in it.
Whatever we do befalls the earth,
whatever we do to the web
we do to ourselves.
This we know.

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Sostenuto ♩=62

p

S1 This we know, _____

p

S2 This we know, _____

p

A1 This we know, _____

p

A2 This we know, _____ this we know, this we know, _____

5 *mp* *mf* 3

S1 the earth does not be - long to us. We be - long to the

S2 the earth does not be - long to us. We be - long to the

A1 the earth does not be - long to us. We be - long to the

A2 the earth does not be - long to us. We be - long to the

sostenuto e legato

ob. *mp*

vc. *mf*

9 *slightly slower* *f*

S earth. This we know. This we know.

A earth. This we know. This we know.

mf *f*

mf *f*

13 *Andante* *mf* $\text{♩} = 74$

Solo All things are con - nect - ed. All

$\text{♩} = 74$ *mf*

legato *mp*

16

Solo

things are con - nect - ed. All things are con - nect - ed.

ob.

vc.

mf

pizz.

20

mf

mp

(3-part voicing: Soprano, Mezzo, Alto - S/M/A)

24

M

A

vc.

mf

mp

All things are con - nect - ed. All

This we know, this we know.

27

M

A

vc.

mf

things are con - nect - ed. All things are con - nect - ed.

All things are con - nect - ed. This we know, this we know.

31 *f*

S All things are connect-ed. All things are

M All things are connect-ed. All things are con

A *f*
This we know, this we know. All things are

ob. *mf*

vc. arco
sostenuto

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35 Solo *f* end solo *poco rit.*

— connect-ed. This we know. This we know.

nect-ed. All things are connect-ed

— connect-ed. This we know. This we know.

mp *mf* *poco rit.*

f

(4-part voicing as in beginning)

40

p *slower* *mf*

S1 Like the blood that u-nites one fa - mi - ly, one_ fa - mi -

p *mf*

S2 Like the blood that u-nites one fa - mi - ly, fa-mi

p *mp*

A1 Like the blood that u-nites one fa-mi - ly, that u - nites one

p *mp*

A2 Like the blood that u-nites one fa-mi - ly, like the blood_____

ob. *mp* *p*

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mf *cresc. accel.* *f* *so*

ly, all_____ things are con - nect - ed._____

mf *cresc. accel.* *f*

ly, all things are con - nect - ed._____

mf *cresc. accel.* *f*

fa - mi - ly, all things are con - nect - ed._____

mf *cresc. accel.* *f*

all_____ things are con - nect - ed._____

ob. *mf* *accel.* *f* *sim.*

vc. *f* *f*

48

ob.

vc.

mf

mp

52

mp

f

f

56

Solo

f

What - ev - er be - falls the earth, be - falls the chil - dren of the earth.

mf

mp

mp

mf

mf

mp

60

Tutti *mf* (3-part voicing)

S

A

What - ev - er be - falls the earth, be -

mp cresc.

What - ev - er be -

f

mf

mf

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76

weave the web of life. We are mere-ly a strand in it.

ob. *dim.* *mp* *mf* *f*

vc. *mp* *mp*

80

Tutti mezzi *mf*

M We did not weave the web of life.

vc. *mf*

84

S *mf* *f*
We did not weave the web,

M *f*
We are mere-ly a strand in it. We did not weave the

vc. *f*

88 *mf* *f* *rit.*

S We are mere-ly a strand in it.

M web of life, we are mere-ly a strand in it. *rit.*

A *f* *rit.* We did not weave the

ob. *f* *mf* *rit.*

vc. *rit.*

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92 *mp* *slower* *accel.* *mf* *a tempo* (♩.=60)

we are mere-ly a strand in it.

mp *slower* *accel.* *mf*

we are mere-ly a strand in it.

mp *slower* *accel.* *mf*

web, we are mere-ly a strand in it.

p *slower* *accel.* *a tempo* (♩.=60) *mf* *mp*

mf *p* *slower* *accel.* *mf* *a tempo*

97

S *f rit. mf tempo primo*
What - ev - er be-falls the earth,

A *f rit. mf tempo primo*
What - ev - er be-falls the earth,

ob. *mf tempo primo*

vc. *f rit. mf*

101

Solo *mp*
what - ev - er, what - ev er we do,

Tutti A *mp*
what-

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105

end solo S/A tutti unison *allargando mf mp*
ev - er, what ev - er, we do to the web, we

allargando mp

109 *poco meno mosso*

do to our - selves, we do to our - selves. This we know.

ob. *mp* *mf* *f* *mf*

vc. *p* *mf* *f*

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114 *piu mosso* *rit.*

This we know.

ob. *mf* *rit.*

vc. *mf* *rit.* *mp*

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