

10. I Lift My Voice

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Rousing (♩ = 116)

C G/B C

1. When I lift my voice, ___ let it be in song, ___ A de -
2. When I lift my voice, ___ let it be for good, ___ Let me

C Am G/B C

fi - ant note ___ in the face of wrong, ___ } I won't stand a - lone, ___ we'll stand
care as much ___ as I know I should, ___ }

F Am C Em Am G/B C

side by side, ___ 'cause we know that love ___ is al - ways jus - ti - fied. ___

REFRAIN:

C F C/E F/A C/G G C/E

When they try to ___ di - vide us, ___ it will

F G F/A C/G G F C/G G7sus C

on - ly ___ u - nite us. ___ I lift ___ my ___ voice.

Performance Suggestions:

- Teach the audience the Refrain (or last two measures).
- Try harmonizing on the Refrain.

Andrea writes: "I was inspired by the line 'with glad defiance in my throat, I pierce the darkness with a note' from James Weldon Johnson's poem, 'The Gift to Sing,' and I created this tune in hopes of acknowledging the power of music and the importance of community in pursuing justice and unity."