

# 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  
3. When I lift my voice, \_\_\_ let it be with friends, when we

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, \_\_\_ }  
sing to - ge - ther our \_\_\_ hearts can mend, \_\_\_

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."*