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I Am the World

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Christopher Alexander

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World

*SAB and Piano*

*Also available in: SATB, SSA, TBB, and Two-Part*

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

## About the Work

The poet's powerful words are fully encapsulated in this new choral anthem. The beginning declaration segues into a fast traveling waltz with a fervent and adventurous piano accompaniment. A slower, introspective section then returns to the fast waltz toward a final callback of the opening.

*I am the song, that rests upon the cloud;*

*I am the sun;*

*I am the dawn, the day, the hiding shroud,*

*When dusk is done.*

*I am the changing colours of the tree;*

*The flower uncurled;*

*I am the melancholy of the sea;*

*I am the world.*

*The other souls that, passing in their place,*

*Each in their groove;*

*Out-stretching hands that chain me and embrace,*

*Speak and reprove.*

*O atom of that sun, by which the earth*

*Is turned and whirled;*

*Behold! ye hurrying with the crowd assert*

*Ye are the world.*

*Am I not one with all the things that be*

*Warm in the sun?*

*All that my ears can hear, or eyes can see,*

*Till all be done.*

*Of song and shine, of changing leaf apart,*

*Of bud uncurled:*

*With all the senses pulsing at my heart,*

*I am the world.*

*One day the song that drifts upon the wind,*

*I shall not bear;*

*Nor shall the rosy shoots to eyes grown blind*

*Again appear.*

*Deaf, in the dark, I shall arise and throw*

*From off my soul,*

*The numbered world with all its joy and woe,*

*That was my goal.*

*I shall arise, and like a shooting star*

*Slip from my place;*

*So lingering see the old world from afar*

*Revolve in space.*

*And know more things than all the wise may know*

*Till all be done;*

*Till One shall come who, breathing on the stars,*

*Blows out the light.*

Dora Sigerson Shorter (1866-1918)

## About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

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Words by  
DORA SIGERSON SHORTER  
(1866-1918)

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CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

**Stately** (♩ = 66)

*f*

SOPRANO  
ALTO

I am the world! I am the world! \_\_\_\_\_

BARITONE

I am the world! I am the world! \_\_\_\_\_

**Stately** (♩ = 66)

*f*

PIANO

*Pedal harmincally throughout*

3

*rit.*

I am the world! \_\_\_\_\_

*rit.*

3

*rit.*

I am the world! \_\_\_\_\_

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6 Fast waltz, in 3/4 (♩. = c. 54-56)

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10

12 *mf unis.*

10

12

14

14

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18

I am the sun; I am the dawn, the

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18

22

day, the hi - ding shroud, When

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22

26

28

dusk is done.

dusk is done. *espress.* I am the chang - ing

26

28

I Am the World (SAB)

30

col - ors of the tree; \_\_\_\_\_ The

30

34

I am the mel - an -

flow'r - - curled;

34

38

cho - ly of the sea; \_\_\_\_\_

38

*furoso*

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42

*unis.*

Musical staff for voice part, measure 42. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

I am the world, I am the world, \_\_\_\_\_

Musical staff for bass part, measure 42. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

42

I am the world, \_\_\_\_\_ I am the world, \_\_\_\_\_

Musical staff for piano part, measure 42. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

Musical staff for piano part, measure 43. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

46

the world.

Musical staff for voice part, measure 46. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

the world.

Musical staff for piano part, measure 46. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

Musical staff for piano part, measure 47. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

50

51 *f unis.*

Am I not one with all the

Musical staff for voice part, measure 50. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

Musical staff for bass part, measure 50. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

Am I not one with

50

51

Musical staff for piano part, measure 50. Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

Musical staff for piano part, measure 51. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C.

I Am the World (SAB)

54

things that be \_\_\_\_\_ Warm in the

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all the things that be \_\_\_\_\_

58

sun? \_\_\_\_\_ all that my ears can hear, or

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Warm in the sun? All that my ears can

62

eyes can see, \_\_\_\_\_ Till all be

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hear, or eyes can see, Till all be