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Louder Than Words (from the musical *Tick, Tick, BOOM!*)

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Arranged by Connor Mendenhall
and Christopher Alexander

3 Solos, SATB and Piano

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

About the Work

From the Pulitzer Prize and Tony-winning writer of *Rent* comes this finale from the musical *Tick, Tick...BOOM!*. An autobiographical show focuses on a struggling composer living in New York City, the finale sees the cast comforting the lead composer after he has received a phone call from fellow musical theater writer and icon Stephen Sondheim. The ending has been altered from “Happy Birthday” to “Pomp and Circumstance” (song for graduation) in dedication to the graduating class of 2017.

About the Arranger



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.

*Dedicated to the 2016-2017 Platte County High School, Platte City, Missouri
from the musical "Tick, Tick...BOOM!"*

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Driving ballad, in 2 ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 92$)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

PIANO

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mp

4

9 *mp* SOLO #1

7

Why

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10

— do we play with fire? —

Musical score for measures 10-12. The vocal line (bass clef) has lyrics: "— do we play with fire? —". The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) features a steady eighth-note melody in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand.

13

Why do we run our fin -

Musical score for measures 13-15. The vocal line (bass clef) has lyrics: "Why do we run our fin -". The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note melody and bass line.

16

- gers through the flame? SOLO #2 Why do we

Musical score for measures 16-18. Measure 17 is marked with a box containing the number 17. The vocal line (bass clef) has lyrics: "- gers through the flame? SOLO #2 Why do we". The piano accompaniment features a solo in measure 17, marked with a box containing the number 17.

19

leave our hand on the stove al -

Musical score for measures 19-21. The vocal line (bass clef) has lyrics: "leave our hand on the stove al -". The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note melody and bass line.

22 SOLO #3 *mp*

Oh,

though we know we're in for — some pain?

22

25 why — do we re - fuse to hang —

25

28 light — the the

28

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31 33

streets are dan - ger - ous? _____

This block contains the vocal line for measures 31 to 33. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and A4, then a half note G4. A slur covers the last two notes. Measure 33 begins with a half note G4. The lyrics are "streets are dan - ger - ous?" with a line for continuation.

31 33

This block contains the piano accompaniment for measures 31 to 33. The right hand plays a steady eighth-note pattern starting on G4. The left hand plays a simple bass line with whole notes and half notes.

34

Why does it take an ac ci - dent _____

This block contains the vocal line for measures 34 to 36. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and A4, then a half note G4. A slur covers the last two notes. Measure 36 begins with a half note G4. The lyrics are "Why does it take an ac ci - dent" with a line for continuation.

34

This block contains the piano accompaniment for measures 34 to 36. The right hand continues the eighth-note pattern. The left hand plays a simple bass line with whole notes and half notes.

37

be fore the truth gas
unis.

This block contains the vocal line for measures 37 to 39. The melody starts with a half rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and Bb4, then a half note G4. The lyrics are "be fore the truth gas" with "unis." written below the first note. Measure 39 begins with a half note G4.

37

This block contains the piano accompaniment for measures 37 to 39. The right hand continues the eighth-note pattern. The left hand plays a simple bass line with whole notes and half notes.

40 **41** SOPRANO, ALTO *mp* unis.
 through to us? Ca - ges or
 TENOR, BASS

40 **41**

43 wings, which do you pre - fer?

43

46 Ask the birds.

46

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Fear or love, ba - by? Don't say the

49

52

an - swer Ac - tions speak loud - er than

52

55

words.

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