

IN BEAUTY MAY I WALK

Adapted from a Navajo Poem

Karen Drucker
Arranged by David Ezell

♩ = 80

Percussion

4 Dm C Dm Dm C Dm Dm C Dm

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7 Dm C Dm Dm C Dm Gm⁷

beau - ty may I walk. All day long, may I
 path may I walk. Through my life may I
 joy may I walk. In love may I
 still-ness may I walk. In for - give-ness may I

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In Beauty May I Walk

10 Dm A⁷ G⁷

walk. Through the sea-sons, may I walk. May I
walk. In old age may I walk.
walk. In grat - i - tude may I walk.
walk. In lov - ing kind-ness may I walk.

The first system of the score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a measure of rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment is in two staves (treble and bass clefs) and begins with a whole rest in the treble and a quarter note G3 in the bass. The system concludes with a measure of rest in the vocal line and a whole note chord in the piano accompaniment.

F C Bb

May I walk, may I walk, May I walk, may I

The second system of the score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment is in two staves (treble and bass clefs) and begins with a whole rest in the treble and a quarter note G3 in the bass. The system concludes with a measure of rest in the vocal line and a whole note chord in the piano accompaniment.

The third system of the score consists of a piano accompaniment in two staves (treble and bass clefs). It begins with a whole rest in the treble and a quarter note G3 in the bass. The system concludes with a measure of rest in the treble and a whole note chord in the bass.

In Beauty May I Walk

4

22 C F C Bb A^{7(sus4)} Am⁷

walk. May I walk, may I walk, May I walk in

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Beauty May I Walk'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is the vocal line, written in a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The lyrics are: 'walk. May I walk, may I walk, May I walk in'. Above the vocal line, the chord progression is indicated as C, F, C, Bb, A^{7(sus4)}, and Am⁷. The second system is the piano accompaniment, written in two staves (treble and bass clefs). The piano part provides harmonic support for the vocal line, with chords corresponding to the indicated chord progression.

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Dm C Dm Dm C Dm Dm C Dm Dm C Dm

1. In

7

Dm C Dm Dm C Dm Gm7

beau - ty	may I	walk.	All day	long, —	may I
path	may I	walk.	Through my	life —	may I
joy	may I	walk.	In	love —	may I
still - ness	may I	walk.	In	for - give - ness	may I

10

Dm A7 G7 Dm7 C Dm

walk.	Through the	sea - sons,	may I	walk.	May I	walk —	in —
walk.	In old	age	may I	walk.			
walk.	In grat - i - tude		may I	walk.			
walk.	In lov - ing	kind - ness	may I	walk.			

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F C Bb C F

walk,	may I	walk,	May I	walk,	may I	walk.	May I	walk,	may I
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Music by Karen Drucker

Words adapted from a Navajo Poem

Notes from Karen: When I first read this Navajo prayer, *In Beauty May I Walk*, I was very moved. I loved its simplicity and resonated with its message of walking in peace. I adapted this poem into a song that hopefully conveys the Spirit of its message. My friend, Janet Ryan, created a beautiful visual to accompany the music. You can see the video on YouTube (just type in Karen Drucker).

VERSE

In beauty may I walk.
All day long, may I walk.
Through the seasons, may I walk.
May I walk in peace.
May I walk in peace.

VERSE

On this path, may I walk.
Through my life may I walk.
In old age may I walk.
May I walk in peace.
May I walk in peace.

CHORUS

May I walk, may I walk,
May I walk, may I walk.
May I walk, may I walk,
May I walk in peace.
May I walk in peace.

VERSE

In joy may I walk.
In love may I walk.
In gratitude may I walk.
May I walk in peace.
May I walk in peace.

VERSE

In stillness may I walk.
In forgiveness may I walk.
In loving kindness may I walk.
May I walk in peace.
May I walk in peace.

CHORUS