

OCP CHORAL SERIES

for Megan Soltys, a gentle heart

Create in Me a Gentle Heart

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Refrain based on Psalm 51, Adrian Soltys

Adrian Soltys
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Keyboard acc. by Scott Soper

INTRO (♩ = ca. 92)

Cmaj7 Dm7 G7 C

Keyboard



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VERSES

Soprano/Alto

1. Cre - ate in me a gen - tle heart of
 2. Let me not lack the will to reach for
 3. Cre - ate in me a fear - less heart of
 4. Help me re - mem - ber how you came my
 5. O hap - py fault! O an - cient sin that
 6. O fear - less, lov - ing souls: give thanks! For

Tenor/Bass

Cmaj7 **Dm7**

1. flesh and faith - ful love. Plant in my soul a
 2. those in need of care, of bread, and shel - ter
 3. cour - age and of strength that I might be a
 4. hope - less soul to save. You dried my tears, re -
 5. gained for us this grace! The Lamb in whose name
 6. death has been de - stroyed. Let ev - ery heart, once

G7 **C** **Cmaj7** **Am7**

1. hun - ger for pure jus - tice from a bove. _____
 2. from the cold, and grace e - nough to share. _____
 3. source of hope for those by sor - row rent. _____
 4. stored my life, and all my sins for - gave. _____
 5. God has come has saved the hu - man race. _____
 6. cold as stone, be warmed and filled with joy. _____

F Dm7 Gsus4 G

REFRAIN

Descant

Cre - ate in us a heart so pure, so

S
A
T
B
O God, cre - ate in us a heart so pure, so clean, so

F G C Cmaj7

true. Re - new a spir - it blest; we re - turn to
 true. Re - new in us a spir - it blest as we re - turn to

Am F C/E Am7 F Gsus4 G

you; we re - turn to you.
 you; as we re - turn to you.

1-5 1-5

Am Am7/G F Em Dm7 Gsus4 G Cmaj7 Dm7

The musical score consists of three systems. The first system shows a vocal line with lyrics "we re - turn to you." and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system shows the piano accompaniment with chord symbols: G7, C, Dm7, Gsus4, G, and C. The score includes markings for *D.S.*, *Final*, and *rit.* (ritardando).

Composer Notes

Janèt’s rich text is a prayer to God for strength and gentleness amongst others. I wanted to supplement it with a refrain using text inspired by Psalm 51 that would turn the focus from first person singular to the perspective of the gathered assembly—“God, create in *us* a heart.” The final phrase echoes both the passage in Joel we hear each Ash Wednesday, “return to me with your whole heart,” and Psalm 51, “that sinners may return to you,” with the use of text painting, returning to the tonic on “you.”

Musically, it is very simple, with sparing use of syncopation, perfect for singing by the assembly or children’s choirs. The use of major 7th chords in certain measures gives it a more interesting, warm, and stable feeling while suspended and dominant 7 chords paint the tension and struggles our human experience presents as we strive to live lives of holiness. While the verses can be sung by the congregation or choir in unison, you may choose to start with treble voices and add harmonies after a few verses.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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6. O fear - less, lov - ing souls: give thanks! For death has been de - stroyed. Let

Am7 F Dm7 Gsus4 G

1. in my soul a hun - ger for pure jus - tice from a - bove.
2. bread, and shel - ter from the cold, and grace e - nough to share.
3. I might be a source of hope for those by sor - row rent.
4. dried my tears, re - stored my life, and all my sins for - gave.
5. Lamb in whose name God has come has saved the hu - man race.
6. ev - ery heart, once cold as stone, be warmed and filled with joy.

REFRAIN

F G C Cmaj7 Am F

O God, cre - ate in us a heart so pure, so clean, so true. Re - new in us a

C/E Am7 F Gsus4 G Am Am7/G F Em 1-5 Dm7 Gsus4 G

spir - it blest as we re - turn to you; as we re - turn to

Cmaj7 Dm7 G7 C Final Dm7 Gsus4 G C

D.S. *rit.*

you.

we re - turn to you.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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Arr. by Scott Soper

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VERSE 1, 4

4 8

REFRAIN

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VERSES 2, 5

REFRAIN

VERSES 3, 6

REFRAIN

1 3 D.S. Final rit.

Assembly Edition

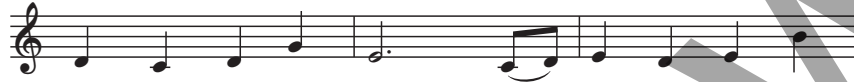
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Refrain



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