## This Masquerade

Words and Music by Leon Russell

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## **Performance Suggestions**

- 1) This arrangement is based on the classic recording of the song by jazz guitarist/singer George Benson. Play the recording for your students for ideas on style and improvisation.
- 2) This is an excellent exercise for the developing improviser. Beginning with measure 53 there are 16 measures of group "scat" soli. This section may be repeated many times to allow for vocal or instrumental improvisation. Also, measures 102–103 may be repeated many times for solo improvisation; improvisation continues in measures 104–105, with the group vocal background added.
- 3) I would encourage you to add Latin percussion instruments (perhaps played by the singers) as an appropriate background (bongos, congas, shakers, guiro, maracas, claves, etc.).
- 4) The solos (measures 21–36, 70–85) may be sung by male, female, duet or small group. The soloists should be encouraged to explore their own creativity and style.
- 5) Have fun and enjoy the challenge!

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for SATB and soloist, with piano and optional bass and percussion\* Arranged by by LEON RUSSELL STEVE ZEGREE Medium Latin groove ( = ca. 104) (2nd time) Piano Add Drum set (Continue to end.) Bongos 5 SOPRANO, ALTO Are we real-ly hap py with\_ this lone-ly game play, TENOR, BASS Cm9 Cm(maj7) Cm9 F13 mp look-ing for words say, Cm9 Gsus

Performance time: approx. 5:49

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<sup>\*</sup>Bass part: follow left hand of piano, adjusting octaves.





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\*Measures 53 through 67 may be repeated for vocal or instrumental improvisation.





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