

Milton Community Concerts and Courageous
Conversations Toward Racial Justice presents:

LIFTING OUR VOICES: SONGS OF STRUGGLE AND
HOPE BY AFRICAN AMERICAN COMPOSERS

Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 3:00pm (streaming through 5/11)
Sparrow Live (sparrowlive.com/miltoncommunityconcerts)

Narrator: Brother Dennis Slaughter

Pianist: Timothy Steele

Recording engineers: Eric Miller and Madeleine Miller

Welcome: Brother Dennis Slaughter

“Song Without Words”, by Charles Brown Melissa
Joseph, soprano; Photo montage by Gabriel Raines

“The Foundling”, by Hall Johnson Ron Williams,
baritone [performed live]

“In the Beginning God”, by Duke Ellington Ron
Williams, baritone [performed live]

“Sympathy” by Florence B. Price, text by Paul Laurence
Dunbar Brianna Robinson, soprano

“A Song For the Heroes”, by Byron Motley, arranged by
Barbara Sherrill, text by Andy Razaf Jermaine
Smith, tenor

“Soliloquy”, by John W. Work, text by Myrtle Vorst
Sheppard Davron Monroe, tenor

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“Worth While” by H.T. Burleigh, text by Laurence Hope
Michelle Johnson, soprano

“I, Too”, by Margaret Bonds, text by Langston Hughes
Yazid Gray, tenor

“Love, Let the Wind Cry . . . How I Adore Thee”, by
Undine S. Moore, poem by Sappho Symone
Harcum, soprano

“Prayer”, by Leslie Adams Brian Major, baritone

“Creole Girl”, by Leslie Adams Melissa Joseph,
soprano

“Death of an Old Seaman”, by Cecil Cohen, text by
Langston Hughes Neil Nelson, bass-baritone

Karen Groce-Horan about Neponset Neighbors Together
Fund

“What Does It All Mean?”, by Roy J. Cotton, II, text by
Roy J. Cotton, II and Sharon B. Griffin Daon
Drisdom, tenor [performed live]

“I Dream a World”, by Uzee Brown, Jr., text by Langston Hughes
Daon Drisdorn, tenor [performed live]

This concert is presented with the support of generous grants by Celebrate Milton! and the Milton Cultural Council, a part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The net proceeds for this concert will go to support Neponset Neighbors Together Fund through the United Way (a COVID-19 fund to support neighbors of Milton, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Dorchester who are adversely impacted by the current health crisis, with a focus on our most economically vulnerable neighbors). Additional donations can be made by using the “donate” button on the Sparrow Live ticket page or by visiting miltoncommunityconcerts.com.

This livestream concert takes place at First Parish Church of Milton, Milton, MA, 535 Canton Avenue, Rev. Lisa Ward, minister.

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