



## Teaching Notes - Music

### Song: We are the Light

Good choice for	Spring term, Lent, Summer term, Pentecost - Any time
Starting points	<p>Warmups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Humming. Hum up and down the scale, raising the starting note by one step each time.</li><li>• Vowel sounds: Sing the different vowel sounds, 'ae-ee-eye-oh-oo' on one note, then repeat on the next note up, continuing up the scale.</li></ul>
Things to look out for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The words move quite quickly so spend some time talking about how you can create a beautiful legato vocal line by elongating the vowel sounds.</li><li>• Make sure that the consonants are clear and exciting. Spend some time looking at the end of phrases and the words to make sure they are pronounced clearly.</li></ul>
Scoring / performance / instrumental suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The first verse would work with a solo voice</li><li>• This song would also work with unison voices</li><li>• The 'ah' section written as the SATB choral part could be played by a string quartet or by solo strings.</li><li>• At bar 46 the choir could split with one half singing the part marked 'voice' and the other singing the soprano part as the echo.</li></ul>
Focus / Technical focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diction</li><li>• Singing legato</li></ul>
Specialist language meanings	<p>Legato - "tied together," smoothly and connected</p> <p>Diction - ensuring each word is heard clearly</p>

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