



It's All Love

for SATB divisi, A capella



MUSIC AND TEXT BY
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Dedicated to the memory of my grandma Edith Ann Bustard.



TEXT

It's all love.

*She who loved like no other,
looked to the heavens and saw.*

It's all Love.

Faith. Faith. Faith. Faith.

PROGRAM NOTES

It's All Love has been written for my grandmother who recently passed away. She was the most loving and accepting woman I have known and continues to be a role model for me in many regards. In the final week of her life, my grandmother began to slip in and out of consciousness. In a brief moment of clarity, she looked up to the ceiling with bright eyes and a smile wide on her face exclaiming "It's all love. Faith, faith, faith, faith". These were the last coherent words she spoke before passing away a few days later.

This piece reflects my grief and addresses my interpretation of her last words. While there is a deep sense of loss, there is yet a great amount of love and hope. The music begins with a closed chord which slowly opens expanding across the register to the vocal extremes. The notes are shared and passed around moving between soprano, tenor, alto, and bass. This symbolizes that from our core we grow and start to spread our love to one another. The ascending motivic lines are representative of my grandma's ascent into the heavens. While the music primarily moves horizontally in its motion, the vertical chord moments act as the toll of a clock which suggest the nearing end.

Duration: 3'50

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Saudade $\text{♩} = 60$

Soprano
It's all love. love.

Alto
It's all love. love.

Tenor
It's all love. love.

Bass
It's all love. love.

Rehearsal Piano Only

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S.
It's all love. love.

A.
It's all love. love.

T.
It's all love. love.

B.
It's all love. love.

Pno

A Sweet and soothing

8

S. *p* *mp*
 Ooo She who loved like no oth - er

A. *mp* *p*
 She who loved like no oth - er loo loo loved like no

T. *mp* *p*
 She who loved like no oo loved like no loo

B. *p* *mp* *p*
 Ooo loved like no oth - - er

Pno

10

S. *mp*
 She who loved like no oth - er, loved like no ooo

A. *mp*
 She who loved like no oth - er loved like no oth - er loved like no

T. *mp*
 She who loved like oo loved like no Ooo

B. *p* *mp*
 oo loved like no oth - - er

Pno

12 *cresc.*

S. *cresc.* loved like no oth - er She *3* *3*

A. oth - - - er she *3*

T. *cresc.* she who loved like no oth - - er *3* *3* *3*

B. *cresc.* she who loved like no oth - - - er *3* *3* *3*

Pno *3* *3* *3* *3*

13 **B**

S. *f* Loved. *p* It's love.

A. *f* loved. *p* She loved. She said. all love. *p*

T. *f* Loved. *p* She loved. She said. loo *p*

B. *f* loved. *p* She loved. She said. loo *p*

Pno *f* *p* *p*

17

S. *mp* It's love. O love. *p* Love.

A. all love. *mp* Love. *p* Love.

T. love. *mp* Love. *p* Love. She

B. love. Love. Love. She

Pno

C Flustered and turbulent emotions, floating upwards

20 *pp*

S. *pp* Oo She

A. *pp* Oo She

T. *mf* looked to the heav - ens and saw

B. *mp* looked to the heav - - ens she saw

Pno

21 *mp*

S. *mp* looked to the heav - - ens and saw She

A. *mp* looked to the heav - - ens, and looked to the

T. *p*

B. *mp* saw, Looked to the heav - - ens and

Pno

22

S. looked to heav - - - - ens

A. heav - - ens and saw heav - - - en

T. *mp* Looked to heav - - ens she saw

B. saw, Looked to the

Pno

23

S. Looked to the heav - ens

A. Looked to the heav - ens, to heav - ens

T. ooo heav - ens, to heav - ens, to

B. heav - ens and saw, Looked to the

Pno

24

S. She looked to the

A. She looked to the heav - ens

T. heav - ens, she saw She

B. heav - ens, she saw. Looked to the

Pno

25

S. heav - ens, heav - ens, looked to

A. looked to the heav - ens, She looked to

T. looked to the heav - ens

B. heav - ens, She looked, she looked to the

Pno

26

S. heav - ens, She looked to heav en, she

A. heav - ens, She looked to heav - en,

T. looked to heav - en, she looked to

B. heav - en, She looked to the heav - en, She

Pno

27

S. *f* *p*
looked to heav - en, She loo

A. *p*
looked to heav - en, She looked She saw.

T. *f* *mp* *p*
heav - en, She loo she saw.

B. *f* *mp* *p*
looked to heav - en, she looked, she saw.

Pno

D

29 *mf*

S. *mf*
It's *mf* love. It's love. O love. It's all

A. *mf*
all love. all love. Love.

T. *mf*
loo love Love. It's all

B. *mf*
loo love. Love.

Pno *mf*

32 *mf* **E**

S. love.

A. *mf* *p cresc.* love. It's all love. It's all

T. *mf* *p cresc.* love. all love. *p cresc.*

B. *mf* love. ah

Pno *mf* *p cresc.*

35 *mp cresc.*

S. It's all love. It's all

A. love. It's all love. It's all

T. all love. love. It's all

B. all love. It's all

Pno

37 *mf* *ff*

S. love _____ It's all Love. _____ *ff*

A. love It's all love. Love. _____ *ff*

T. love all love Love. _____ *f*

B. love It's all love Love. _____

Pno *mf*

F With Peace *ppp*

40 *ppp*

S. Faith. Faith. Faith. Faith. _____ *ppp*

A. Faith. Faith. Faith. Faith. _____ *ppp*

T. Faith. Faith. Faith. Faith. _____ *ppp*

B. Faith. Faith. Faith. Faith. _____

Pno