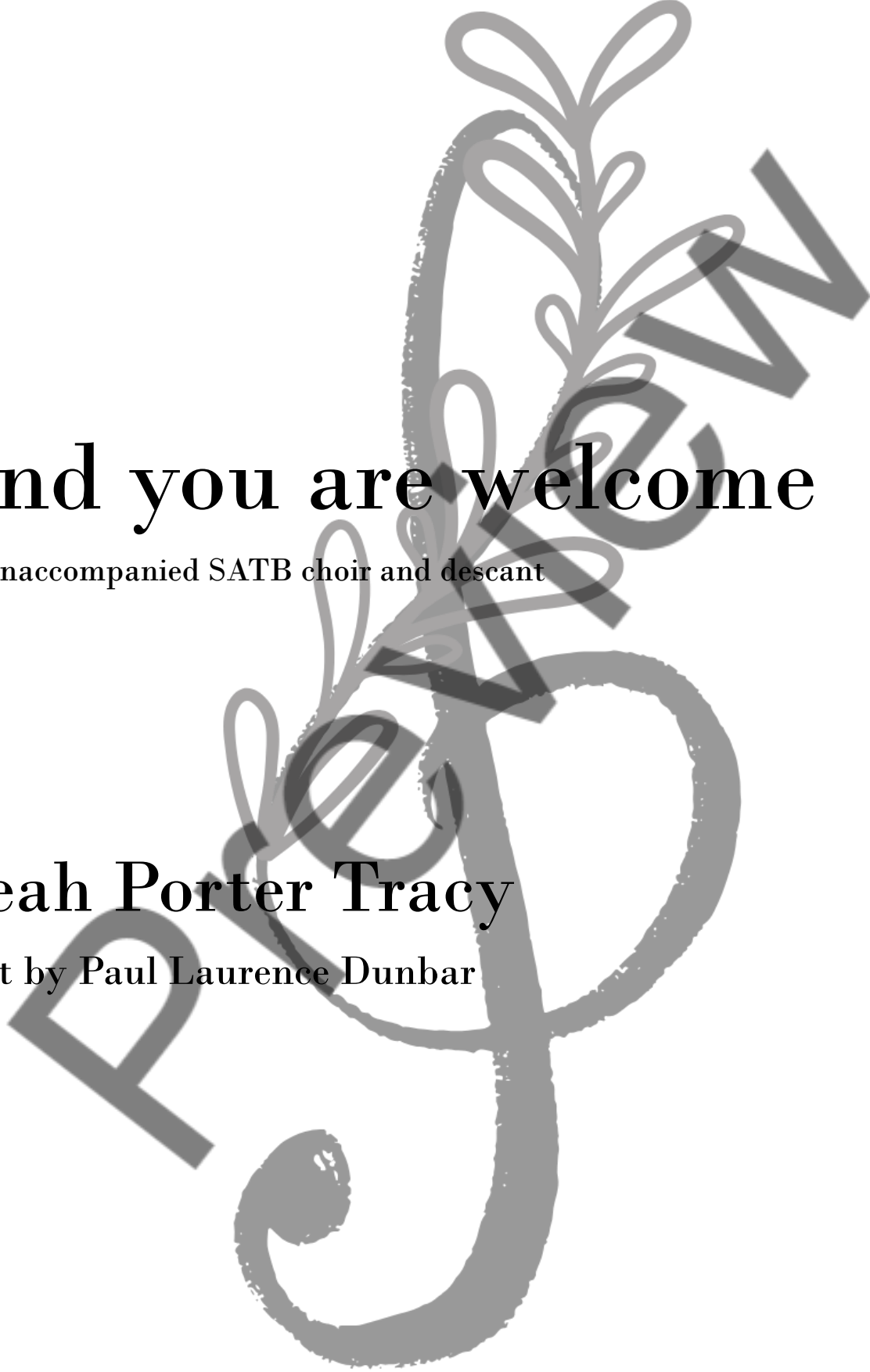




And you are welcome

for unaccompanied SATB choir and descant

Leah Porter Tracy

Text by Paul Laurence Dunbar

“Invitation to Love” by Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

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Come when the nights are bright with stars

Or come when the moon is mellow;

Come when the sun his golden bars

Drops on the hay-field yellow.

Come in the twilight soft and gray,

Come in the night or come in the day,

Come, O love, whene'er you may,

And you are welcome, welcome.

You are sweet, O Love, dear Love,

You are soft as the nesting dove.

Come to my heart and bring it to rest

As the bird flies home to its welcome nest.

Come when my heart is full of grief

Or when my heart is merry;

Come with the falling of the leaf

Or with the redd'ning cherry.

Come when the year's first blossom blows,

Come when the summer gleams and glows,

Come with the winter's drifting snows,

And you are welcome, welcome.

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tempo rubato ♩=60

p **mf** **p sub.**

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

with motion ♩=72

mp **mp**

S
A

Come, when the nights are bright with stars or come when the moon is

T
B

Come, when the nights are bright with stars or come when the moon is

mf **mf**

S
A

mel - low; come when the sun his gol-den bars drops on the hay - field

T
B

mel - low; come when the sun his gol-den bars drops on the hay - field

f **f**

S
A

yel - low. Come in the twi - light soft and gray, come in the

T
B

yel - low. Come in gray,

15 *p* *mf*

S A night or come in the day, O come, O love, when - e - ver you may,

T B night or day, come, O love, when - e - ver - you may,

19 *p sub.*

S A and you are wel - come, and you are wel - come.

T B and you are wel - come, wel - come.

22 *(p)* *mp* *(p)*

S A Oo

T You are sweet, O Love, dear Love, you are soft as the nest - ing dove.

B Oo

26 *(p)*

S A Oo And you are

T Come to my heart and bring it to rest as the bird flies home to its wel come nest. And you are

B Oo And you are

30 *f* *p sub.*

S A *f* *p sub.*

wel-come, O, my love. and you are wel-come, and you are wel-come.

T *f* *p sub.*

wel - come, o, love, my love, and you are wel-come, wel - come.

B *f* *p sub.*

wel - come, o, my love, and you are wel-come, wel - come.

35 *p-mf*

S A *p-mf*

1.Oo
2.Ah

T *mp-f*

1.Come when my heart is full of grief or when my heart is mer - ry;
2.Come when the year's first blos-som blows, comewhen the sum - mer gleams and glows,

B *p-mf*

1.Oo
2.Ah

39 1. 2.

S A *Oo* *Ah* (Ah) And you are

T come with the fal - ling of the leaf or with the red - d'ning cher - ry. wel-come, and you are
come with the win-ter's drift-ing snows, O love, O love, you are

B *Oo* *Ah* (Ah) and you are

Piano (rehearsal only)

1. 2.

44

S
A

f *>*

wel - come, O, my love.

T

f *>*

wel - come, o, love, my love,

B

f *>*

wel - come, o, my love,

Piano (rehearsal only)

46

Descant

p sub. *mp*

and you are wel - come, and you are wel - come. O,

S
A

p sub. *mp*

and you are wel - come, and you are wel - come. O,

T

p sub. *mp*

and you are wel - come, wel - come. O,

B

p sub. *mp*

and you are wel - come, wel-come, you are wel-come, O

Piano (rehearsal only)

slightly faster ♩=76

5

49

f

Descant

love, _____ O _____ love. _____

f

S
A

come when my heart is full of grief or when my heart is mer - ry;

f

T

You are sweet, O _____ Love, dear Love, you are soft as the nest - ing dove.

f

B

Love, _____ O Love, _____

Piano (rehearsal only)

53

S
A

come with the fal - ling of the leaf _____ or with the red - d'ning cher - ry.

T

Come to my heart and bring it to rest as the bird flies home to its wel come nest. Come

B

love, _____ O love, _____

Piano (rehearsal only)

57 ***ff***

S
A Come when the year's first blos-som blows, _____ come when the sum - mer gleams and__

T
B ***ff***
Come when blos - som blows, _____ come when sum - mer

60 ***p*** ***mf***

S
A glows, O, come with the win - ter's drift - ing snows.

T
B ***p*** ***mf***
glows, _____ come, win - ter's drift - ing snows,

63 ***p sub.*** ***mp***

S
A and you are wel - come, and you are wel - come. and you are

T
B ***p sub.*** ***mp***
and you are wel - come, wel - come, wel come, you are wel come, you are

66 ***molto rit.*** ***pp*** ***pp***

S
A wel - come, and you are wel - come. wel - come.

T
B ***p*** ***pp***
wel - come, you are wel - come, you are wel - come, wel - come.