

For my Friends in StreetSong MN, Teri Larson and Bill Mathis, co-directors

If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking

SAB mixed chorus and piano

Poem by Emily Dickinson (v. 1)
Additional verses by the composer

Music by David Evan Thomas

Flowing smoothly ♩ = 100-104 *poco rall.*

S
A *p* Unis.
B If I can

Flowing smoothly ♩ = 100-104 *poco rall.*

Piano *p legato*
con Ped.

5 *a tempo*

S
A stop one heart from break - ing, I shall not live in vain; If I can

9

S
A ease one life the ach - ing, Or cool one pain, Or help one

13

S
A

faint - ing rob - in Un-to his nest _____ a - gain, _____ I shall not

17

S
A

live, I shall not live, _____ I shall not live in vain.

dimin. *pochiss. rall.* *a tempo*

22

B *mp*

If I can keep the riv - er flow - ing, I shall not live in

p

26 *p* *mp*

B
vain; If I can plant a tree (or two, or three) And bring the

30 *p*

B
rain Or sow the seeds that hands Will harvest as au - tumn grain.

34 *mf*

B
— I shall not live, I shall not live, — I shall not

B

live in vain.

mf

42 *rit.* *p* **Broader** ♩ = 84 *mp*

S A

If I can care for those who need me, If I can

B

p

and lis - ten when they call;

42 *rit.* **Broader** ♩ = 84

p

47

S A

lend a hand to oth - ers, help them stand tall, And lift a

mp *f* *f*

B

lend a hand to help them stand tall,

Div.

47

f

51 *Unis.* *cresc.* *f*

S
A voice for free-dom, jus-tice and peace _____ for all, _____ We'll build a

B
And lift a voice for jus-tice and peace _____ for all, _____ We'll build a

51 *mf energico* *cresc.* *f*

55 *f*

S
A bridge, a hu-man bridge _____ and so take down _____

B
bridge, a hu-man bridge _____ and so take down _____

55 *sim.* *f*

60 *p* *f* *allarg.*

S
A a _____ wall. _____

B
a _____ wall. _____

60 *p* *f* *allarg.*