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HOLD FAST TO DREAMS, LaBarr

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Hold Fast to Dreams

by
Susan LaBarr

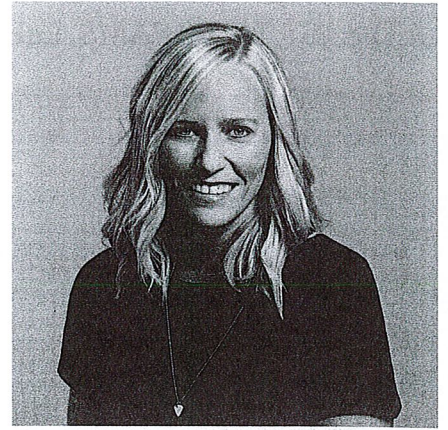


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About the composer

Susan LaBarr (b. 1981) is a composer and choral editor living and working in Springfield, Missouri. Her compositions are published by Walton Music, Morningstar Music, and Santa Barbara Music Publishing. Susan has completed commissions for choirs worldwide, most notably Seraphic Fire, the National ACDA Women's Choir Consortium, and the Texas Choral Director's Association's Director's Chorus. She served as the Missouri Composer Laureate for 2012 and 2013. Her arrangement of Quem pastores laudavere appeared on New York Polyphony's 2014 Grammy-nominated album, *Sing Thee Nowell*. Her work for mezzo soprano and piano, *Little Black Book*, was premiered at Carnegie Hall in October 2019.



Central to Susan's musical vocabulary is the knowledge she gained from studying with Alice Parker at her home in Hawley, Massachusetts, where she attended the Composer's Workshop and Melody Studies Workshop. Susan attended Missouri State University in Springfield, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in music and a Master of Music in music theory. Susan, her husband Cameron, and their son Elliott reside in Springfield, Missouri, where Cameron is the Director of Choral Studies at Missouri State University and Susan works as Editor of Walton Music.

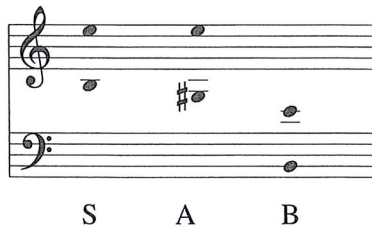
About the poet

Langston Hughes (1902-1967), in addition to achieving wide-spread fame for his poetry, was a novelist, columnist, playwright and essayist. He produced volumes of diverse genres and inspired the work of countless other African American writers.

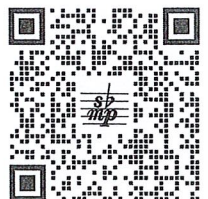
Dreams

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

Range



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Hold Fast to Dreams

Langston Hughes

Susan LaBarr

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano *p*

Pedal harmonically

mp

poco rit. *a tempo*

p *pp*

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S A *p*

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die

(T) B *p*

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die

*Tenor part is optional and doubles other voice parts throughout.



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Life is a bro-ken-winged bird That can-not fly.

Life is a bro-ken-winged bird That can-not fly.

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Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die Life is a

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die Life is a

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die Life is a

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bro - ken - winged_ bird That can-not fly.

bro - ken - winged_ bird That can-not fly.

bro - ken - winged_ bird That can-not fly.

27 *mp*

S Hold fast to dreams For if dreams

A *mp*
Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die

(T) *mp*
Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die

B *mp*
Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die

mp

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die Life is a bird That can - not fly.

Life is a bro-ken-winged bird That can-not fly.

Life is a bro-ken-winged bird That can - not fly.

Life is a bro-ken-winged bird That can-not fly.

35 *cresc.*

Hold fast to_ dreams Life is a

cresc.

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die, for if dreams

cresc.

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die, for if dreams

cresc.

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die, for if dreams

cresc.

39 *mp*

bro-ken-winged_ bird That can-not fly.

mp

die Life is a bird That can-not fly.

mp

die Life is a bird That can-not fly.

mp

die Life is a bird That can-not fly.

mf *mp molto cresc.*

43 **Start** (melody) *f*

Hold fast to dreams_ For_ when dreams go

Hold fast to dreams_ For_ when dreams go

Hold fast to dreams_ For_ when dreams go

Hold fast to dreams_ For when dreams go

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Life is a bar - ren field_ Fro - zen with snow._

Life is a bar - ren field_ Fro - zen with snow._

Life is a bar - ren field_ Fro - zen with snow._

Life is a bar - ren field_ Fro - zen with snow._

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Hold fast to dreams_ For_ when dreams go

Hold fast to dreams_ For_ when dreams go

Hold fast to dreams_ For_ when dreams go

Hold fast to dreams_ For when dreams go

55

mp Finish

Life_ is a bar-ren field_

Life_ is a bar-ren field_

Life_ is a bar - ren field_

Life_ is a bar-ren field_

mp

58

Fro-zen with snow.

Fro-zen with snow.

Fro - zen with snow.

Fro-zen with snow.

p

61

S
A

(T)
B

76 *mp* *cresc.*

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die Life is a

mp *cresc.*

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die Life is a

mp *cresc.*

80 *mf* *p* *mp* *p* Not hurried

S bro - ken-winged_ bird That can-not fly, A

A *mf* bro - ken-winged_ bird That can-not fly, A

(T) *mf* bro - ken - winged_ bird That can - not fly, A

B *mf* bro - ken-winged_ bird That can-not fly, A

mf *p* Not hurried

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bro - ken - winged bird That can - not

bro - ken - winged bird That can - not

bro - ken - winged bird That can - not

bro - ken - winged bird That can - not

87

rit.

fly.

fly.

fly.

fly.

rit.

pp

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