

# Queer Faith Haiku

SSAA a cappella chorus

Words by Pat Deeney  
Music by Sheena Phillips

1. Sacred dignity
2. Creation's vessels
3. Shout humanity
4. Dreams yet unfulfilled
5. Sacred dignity (reprise)

I met Pat Deeney, spiritual director and Reiki master, through Westminster Presbyterian Church in Trenton, NJ, a wonderful gathering place for black, white, Latino and all shades in between. Pat writes a weekly 'Antiracist Adjustment' column which I have been receiving by email for the last few years – and in June 2022 she finished her post with two 'Queer Faith Haiku' which immediately struck me as something that should be set to music. I've combined the two haiku that she posted that day with two others which she sent me, and here's the result. Sing them loud and strong.

duration c. 5:00

perusal score - not for rehearsal or performance

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## **Queer Faith Haiku**

Sacred dignity  
Moved by fierce inclusive love  
Wonderfully made

Creation's vessels  
Celebrated and worthy  
With no one left out.

Shout humanity  
Fill the air with joyful noise  
Voices united.

Dreams yet unfulfilled  
Freedom and justice for all  
Hope will guide our feet.

Sacred dignity  
Moved by fierce inclusive love  
Wonderfully made.

Pat Deeney

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### **Notes**

A performance suggestion is for someone to read aloud the lyrics of each haiku before it is sung, except for the last one, whose words will already be familiar.

Movements 1 and 5 can work well conducted in two rather than in four.

Tempi are approximate. Feel free to change them a little to suit your ensemble.

# Queer Faith Haiku

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## 1. Sacred dignity

Majestic ♩ = c.80

*mf*

Soprano 1  
Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love

*mf*

Soprano 2  
Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love

Alto 1

Alto 2

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S 1  
Won - der - ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by

S 2  
Won - der - ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by

*mf*

A 1  
Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by

*mf*

A 2  
Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by

10 *f*

S 1  
fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty

S 2  
fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty

A 1  
fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty

A 2  
fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty

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S 1  
Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made.

S 2  
Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made.

A 1  
Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made.

A 2  
Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made.

Fanfare-like ♩. = c.69

2. Creation's vessels

S 1 *f*  
 Cre - a - tion's ves-sels Ce-le-bra - ted and worth - y With

S 2 *f*  
 Cre - a - tion's ves-sels Ce-le-bra - ted and worth - y

A 1 *f*  
 Cre - a - tion's ves-sels Ce-le-bra - ted and worth - y

A 2 *f*  
 Cre - a - tion's ves-sels Ce-le-bra - ted and worth - y

6  
 S 1  
 no one, no one, no one left out. Cre - a - tion's ves-sels

S 2  
 no one, no one left out. Cre - a - tion's ves-sels

A 1  
 no one left out. Cre - a - tion's ves-sels

A 2  
 no one left out. Cre - a - tion's ves-sels

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S 1  
Ce - le - bra - ted and worth - y With no one, no one,

S 2  
Ce - le - bra - ted and worth - y no one,

A 1  
Ce - le - bra - ted and worth - y

A 2  
Ce - le - bra - ted and worth - y

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S 1  
no one left out. Ce - le - bra - ted and

S 2  
no one left out. Ce - le - bra - ted and

A 1  
no one left out. Cre - a - tion's ves - sels Ce - le - bra - ted and

A 2  
no one left out. Cre - a - tion's ves - sels Ce - le - bra - ted and

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S 1  
 worth - y no one, no one left out.

S 2  
 worth - y no one, no one left out.

A 1  
 worth - y With no one, no one, no one left out.

A 2  
 worth - y With no one, no one, no one left out.

3. Shout humanity

(♩=♩.) Joyful

*f* shout

S 1  
 Shout hu - ma-ni-ty HU-MAN-I-TY! Fill the air with

S 2  
*f* shout  
 Shout hu - ma-ni-ty HU-MAN-I-TY!

A 1  
*f*  
 Shout hu -

A 2







4. Dreams yet unfulfilled

(♩.=♩) Sombre

S 1

S 2

A 1 *mf*  
 Dream: Free - dom and jus-tice for all Hope will guide our

A 2 *mf*  
 Dreams yet un - ful - filled Free - dom and jus-tice for all Hope will guide our

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S 1 *p* *mf*  
 Dreams yet un - ful - filled Free - dom and jus-tice for all

S 2 *p* *mf*  
 Dreams yet un - ful - filled Free - dom and jus-tice for all

A 1 *p* *mf*  
 feet. Dreams yet un - ful - filled Free - dom and jus-tice for all

A 2 *p* *mf*  
 feet. Dreams yet un - ful - filled Free - dom and jus-tice for all

11 *f*

S 1  
Hope will guide our feet Hope will guide our feet.

S 2  
Hope will guide our feet Hope will guide our feet.

A 1  
Hope will guide our feet Hope will guide our feet.

A 2  
Hope will guide our feet Hope will guide our feet.

5. Sacred dignity (reprise)

Tempo primo, majestic

*p* *mf*

S 1  
Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love

S 2  
Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love

A 1

A 2

5 *mf*

S 1 Won - der-ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by

S 2 Won - der-ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by

A 1 *mf* Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by

A 2 *mf* Sa - cred dig - ni - ty Moved by

10 *f*

S 1 fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der-ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty

S 2 fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der-ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty

A 1 *f* fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der-ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty

A 2 *f* fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der-ful - ly made. Sa - cred dig - ni - ty

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S 1  
 Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made.

S 2  
 Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made.

A 1  
 Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made.

A 2  
 Moved by fierce in - clu - sive love Won - der - ful - ly made.

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S 1  
 Won - der - ful - ly Won - der - ful - ly made.

S 2  
*p* Won - der - ful - ly *mf* Won - der - ful - ly *f* Won - der - ful - ly made.

A 1  
*p* Won - der - ful - ly *mf* Won - der - ful - ly *f* Won - der - ful - ly made.

A 2  
*mf* Won - der - ful - ly *f* Won - der - ful - ly made.