

What joy, to be of Human Birth

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What joy, to be of human birth! We've made this world our home more
deep-ly than all life on Earth that we al-low to roam. Our hu-man rights and
peace al-low us time to sing this tune and gave us where we're sing-ing now and
foot-prints on the Moon! And there-fo-re on-ly we a-mong all life on Earth should
ask: what led us when we grew so rich we take our world to task?

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. It features a melody with various note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) on the first, fourth, and eighth staves. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score ends with a double bar line on the fifth staff.

As apes in ancient Africa,
where lions ruled the day,
we worked in teams, a radical
and new and human way!
Our drive to work together leads
from families and tribes
through cities, nation states and creeds
to global human rights!
If that's the nature of our kind,
if such a drive is real,
will it be there for us to find
within if we just feel?

Of course it's there! We call it love!
Is is the human urge
to work with those we're allies of,
that's let all this emerge.
The love that guides humanity
is not place to stay
and there's no way to make it be.
Love is itself the way!
The love that guides humanity
is just an instinct, yet
it led to all we now here see.
Where else will we be led?