

Let There be Peace on Earth

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Men: Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me *<soft>*
Women: Let there be peace on earth; the peace that was meant to be *<soft>*

All: With God as our Father, brothers all are we *<medium soft,*
Let me walk with my brother *building a bit>*
In perfect harmony.

Men: Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. *<medium volume>*
Women: With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow *<build a little more>*

Women: To take each moment *<almost full volume>*
Men: And live each moment *<almost full volume>*
All: In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth *<suddenly very soft>*
And let it begin with me

All: To take each moment *<slower, full volume>*
And live each moment
In peace eternally — — *<hold that last note!>*
Let there be peace on earth *<slower, a powerful proclamation>*
And let it begin with me!

Performance suggestions:

Most of this arrangement is set as call-response, men to women. Make each printed line flow as a single phrase.

The last two stanzas ("To take each moment...") may offer breathing challenges because of the volume involved, but take breaths at the ends of the lines, not between words.

Suggestion: After the last stanza, if the audience is really into it, get them to repeat the last stanza with us a cappella.