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DO YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE SING?

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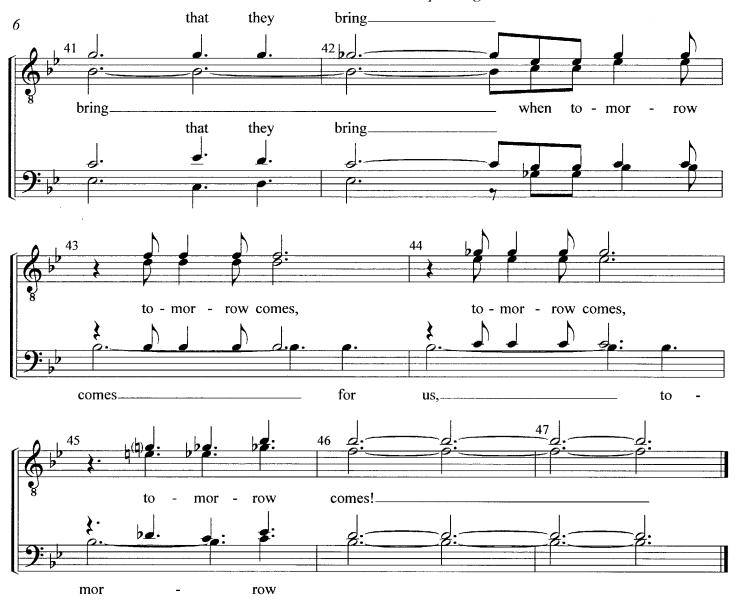
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Performance Notes

The musical **Les Misérables**, based on the Victor Hugo novel of the same name, had already been a smash hit in Europe by the time it reached Broadway in 1987. Built around the failed student revolution of 1832, this powerful story has long captivated audiences throughout the world.

The setting for "Do You Hear the People Sing?" is Paris. When word gets out that popular leader General Lamarque, the only man left in the government who shows any feeling for the poor, has died, a group of idealistic students prepares for the revolution they are sure will erupt. They take to the streets to whip up popular support, singing this stirring march.

The song will enable your chorus or quartet to move your audiences as well. Keep a strong, steady martial tempo, always staying in touch with the pulse of the underlying triplets. Besides helping your group sing in effectively emotional fashion, this approach will also make precise execution of measures 9-12 and 23-26 easier. So here's to the idealist in all of us!

As a final note: Questions about the contest suitability of this or any other song/arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest rules. Ask *before* you sing.