

Grace Oforka

Grace Oforka is a Nigerian composer, performer, and voice coach. She studied music education at the Federal College of Education, Abeokuta, Nigeria, and also obtained a certificate in singing from ABRSM. Grace has written numerous works for both solo Instruments and large ensembles. Her works have been performed by Midori Samson, Terry Ewell, Denise Rivera, Silent voices, Courtney Miller, Marc Vallon, and Seun Onifade among others. She is the co-founder of the Graciedion Chorale Society and Graciedion Media Music and Vocal Institute.

Nwa Chukwu Kam bu (I am a Child of God)

As I pondered on the song to submit for my project with Dr Andile Khumalo and Jiwe music, I was experiencing what I would call a block; I wasn't inspired to write songs. When I looked back at other songs the Lord has blessed me with and the encouragement I kept having from my teacher, I began to hum the song, *Nwa Chukwu* beneath my breath, remembering how honoured the Lord has made me feel by giving his gift of music to me. *Nwa Chukwu Kam bu* is a song to remind us that we are God's children. Despite our short comings, God still shares His grace with us.

Igbo

Nwa Chukwu kam bu.
O ge Nyem ihm choro
O ga-agozi onye O choro
Oga eleta ndi O kporo
Nwa Chukwu kam bu
Okwa ya kere elu igwe n'uwa
Okwa ya nwuru maka njo m
Nwa Chukwu kam bu

English

I am a Child of God
He will give me what I want
He will bless who he wants
He will watch over those he called
I am a Child of God
He made the heavens and the earth
He died for my sins
I am a Child of God

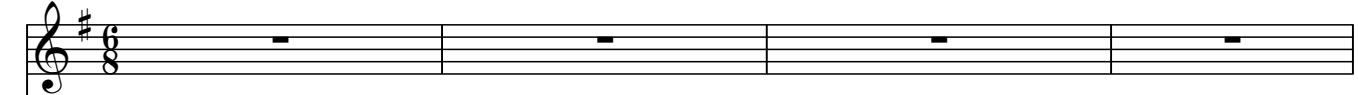
Grace Oforka wrote this composition as part of the NIHSS online orchestration program hosted by Jiwe Music (an online African Music library). The main convenor for the orchestration course was Dr Andile Khumalo. Jiwe Music is a non-profit organization seeking to preserve and make African music accessible to the African continent and beyond. It accepts contributions from all genres of music. This composition falls under the category of "Contemporary Art songs".

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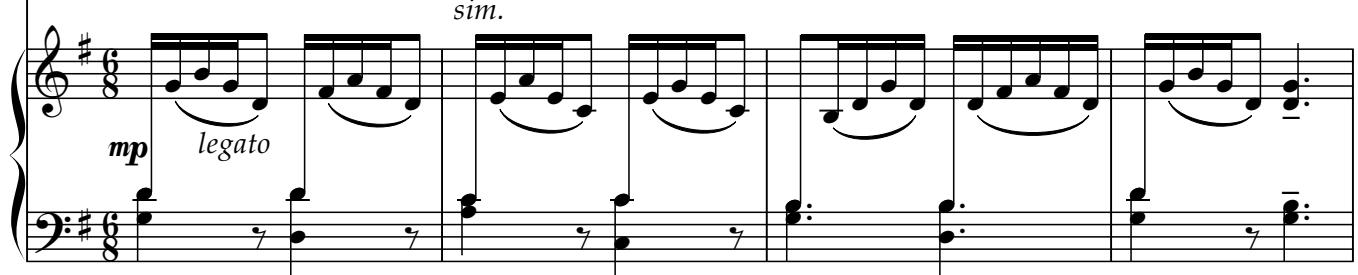
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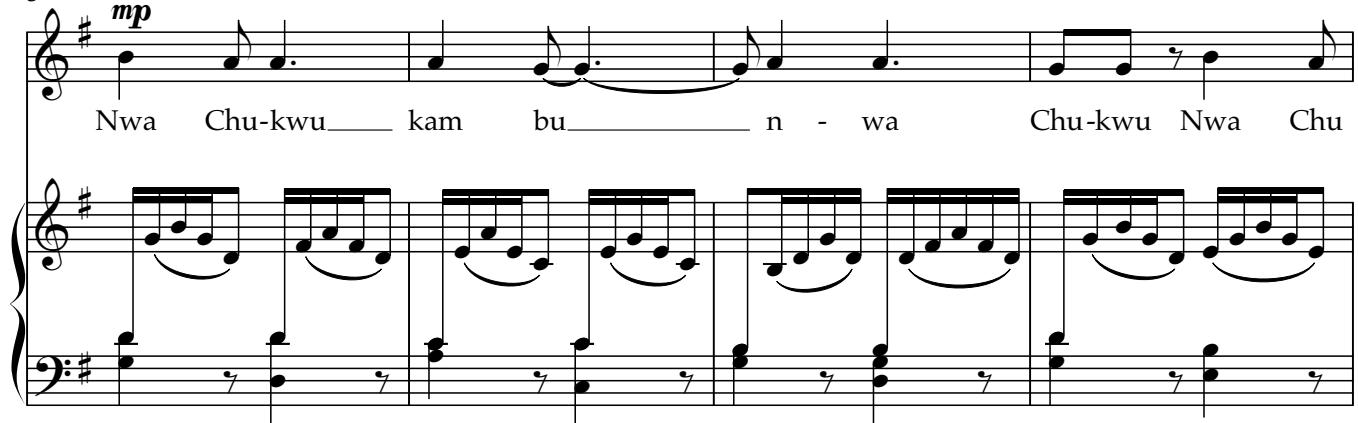
sim.

mp *legato*

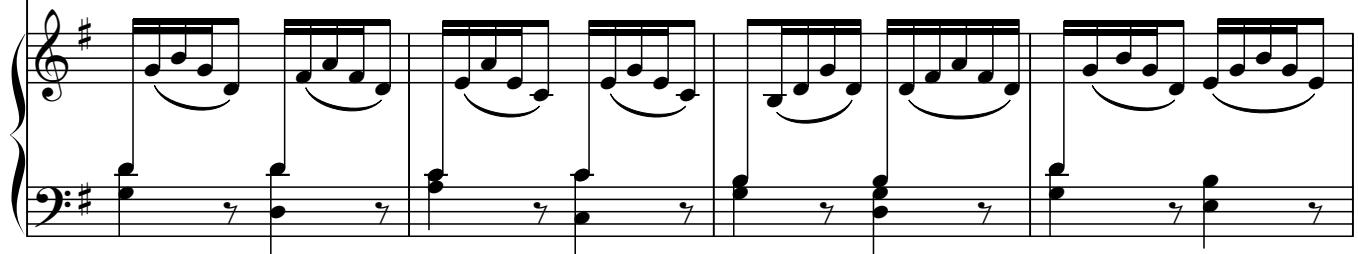


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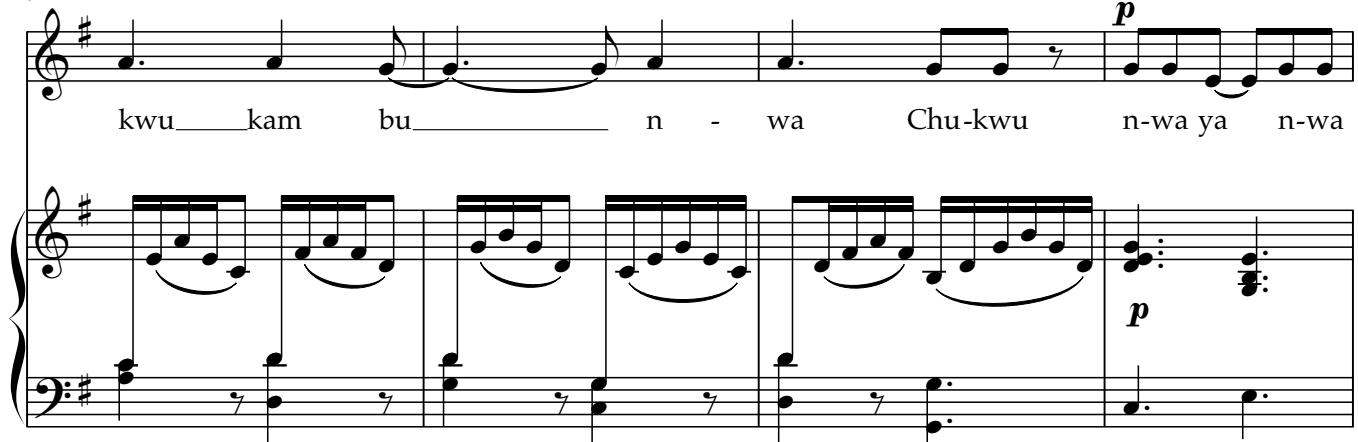


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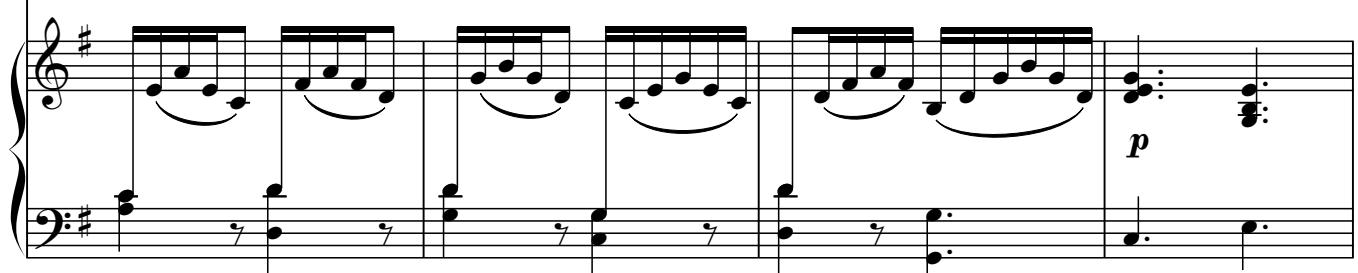


9

p



ku kam bu n - wa Chu-ku n-wa ya n-wa



p

13

ya n - wa Chu-kwu Nwa Chu-kwu kam bu

mp

17

n - wa Chu - kwu

p cresc.

21

mp

dim.

25

1. 2.

p

pp

1. 2.

A tempo

3

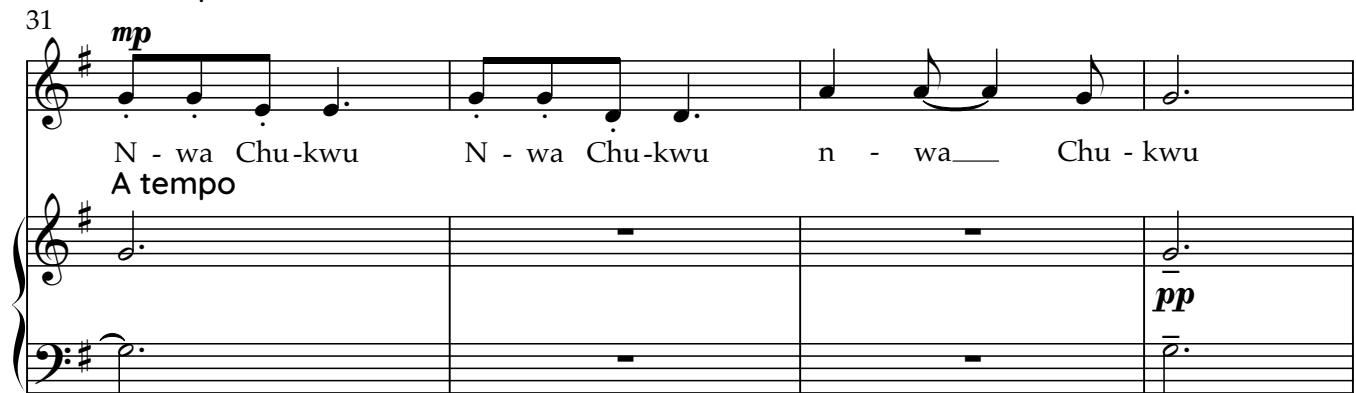
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mp

N - wa Chu - kwu N - wa Chu - kwu n - wa Chu - kwu

A tempo

pp



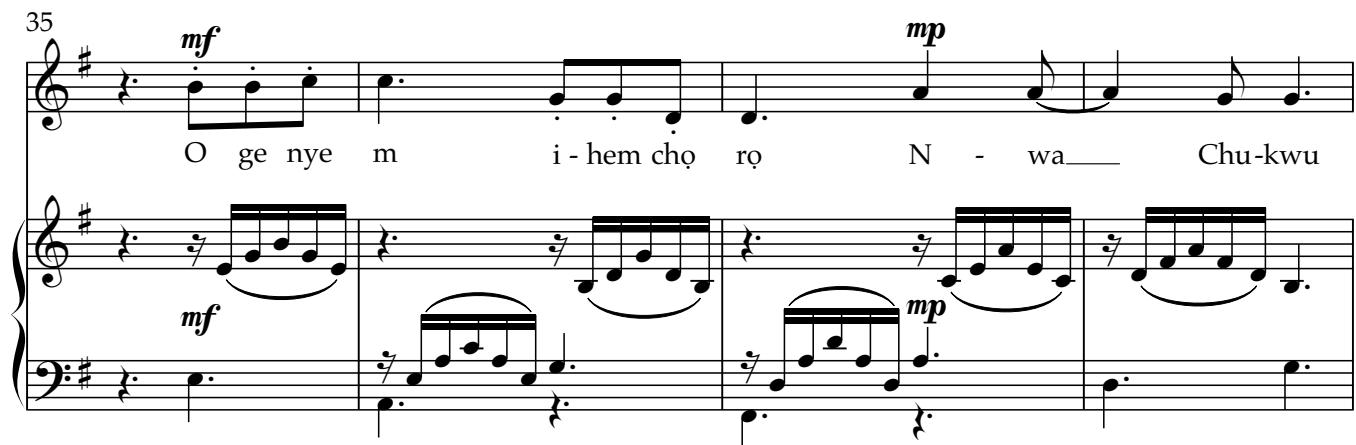
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mf

O ge nye m i - hem chō ro N - wa Chu - kwu

mf

mp



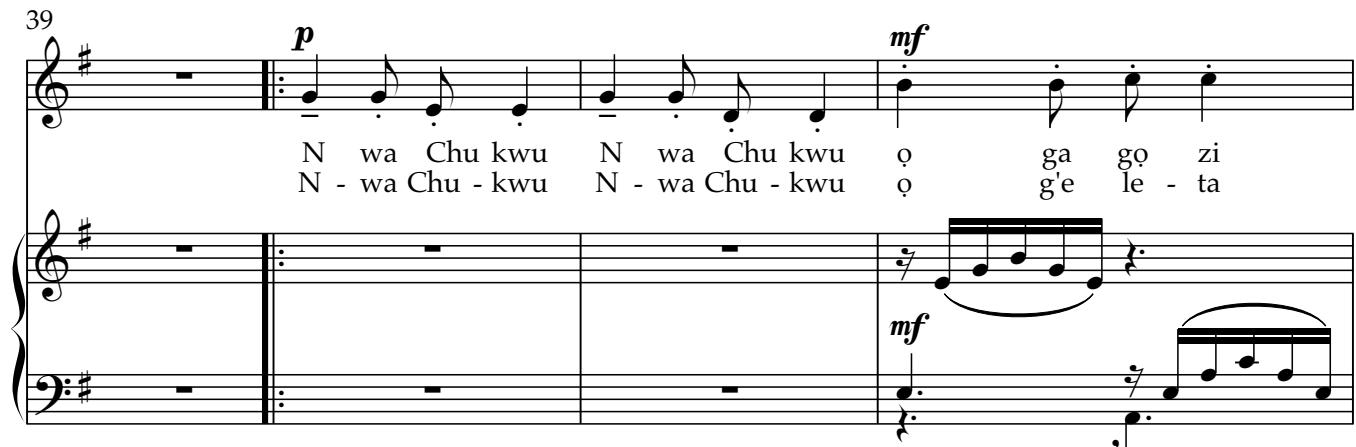
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p

N wa Chu kwu N wa Chu kwu o ga go zi

N - wa Chu - kwu N - wa Chu - kwu o g'e le - ta

mf



43

mp

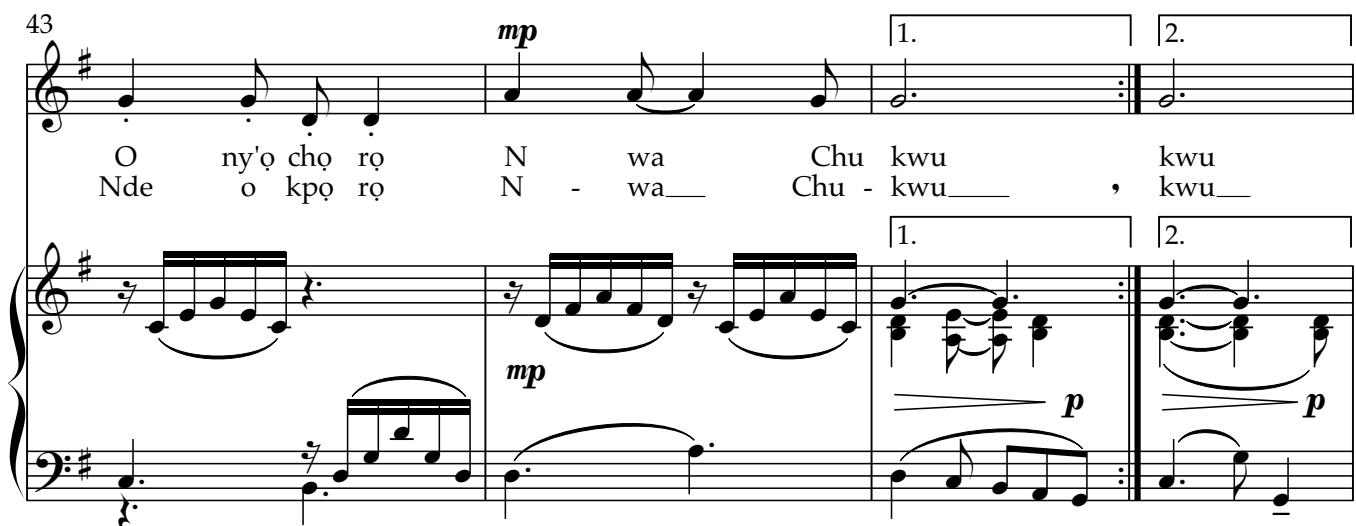
O ny'o chō ro N - wa Chu kwu , kwu

Nde o kpō ro N - wa Chu - kwu , kwu

1. *2.*

mp

p



47

Nwa Chu-kwu kam bu N - wa Chu-kwu nwa Chu

rit.

51

kwu kam bu n - wa Chu - kwu

rit.

A tempo

55

p espress.

ooh espress.

I-ma na n -

A tempo

p espress.

pp

p

62 *mp* 1. *p* *pp*

wa ya kam bu ooh_ bu

1. 2.

pp

70 *mf*

Nwa Chu - kwu____ kam bu____ n - wa Chu - kwu

77 *mp*

Nwa Chu - kwu____ kam bu____ n - wa Chu - kwu____

84 **p** *dolce*

o kwa ya ke r'e - li - gwe nu wa

p *dolce*

90 **mp**

oo kwa ya wu ru ma - ka n - jo mo

pp **p** **pp**

98 **p** *più*

ah Chu - kwuq ma Chu - kwuq ma

p

104

Chu - kwuq ma Chu - kwuq ma Chu - kwuq ma Chu -

111

kwuq ma Chu - kwuq ma Chu - kwuq ma Chu - kwuq ma

118

Chu - kwuq ma

124

Nwa Chu - kwu kam bu n - wa Chu - kwu

131

p rit. *pp*

Nwa Chu - kwu_____ kam bu_____ n -

pp

136

wa Chu - kwu_____