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Commissioned by the Wadsworth Central Intermediate School Choir in celebration of their 100th year

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Text by Katherine Morton

If I could be granted one wish, little one,
To be anything, or to be anyone,
To touch the lives of those around me,
One thing, I know I would want to be.

It's brilliant and bright, as the stars in the sky,
Never dimming or hiding behind clouds passing by.
It's full of promise, excitement, and joy
From every young girl and every young boy.

This gift I could give would never fade away
From evening, to morning, and throughout midday.
From year to year, one-hundred or two,
My gift would sustain the century through.

It's not a hero, nor a King or Queen,
It's not to be famous, to be heard, or be seen.
My wish, if it's granted, will last for eternity;
A child's smile is what I want to be.

Program Listing

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Program Notes

A Child's Smile was commissioned by the Wadsworth Central Intermediate School Choir in celebration of the School's 100th year anniversary. The text, written by the choir's director Katherine Morton, commemorates not the school but its students, the children that embody the spirit of innocence, purity and optimism. A slow, lyric melody reflects these meek qualities, a hint of nostalgia combined with reverent hope for the future.

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ASCAP

Dur.: 3'

Con moto ♩ = 116 **rit.** . . . **A Tempo** ♩ = 116

Voice

Piano

6

Voice

Pno.

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Voice

Pno.

pp *mf* *p*

sim.

If I could be gran-ted one
wish lit-tle one, To be a -ny-thing or to be a -ny-one, To touch the lives_ of those a-round me, One
thing I know I would want to be. It's bril-liant and bright as the stars in the sky, Ne-ver dim-ming or hi-ding be-hind

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Voice

clouds pas-sing by, It's full of pro-mise, ex - cite-ment and joy, From ev - 'ry young girl and

Pno.

rit. A Tempo ♩ = 116

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Voice

ev - 'ry young boy. This gift I could give would ne - ver-fade a-way From ev-en- ing to mor-ning and through

Pno.

f

24

Voice

out mid-day, From year_ to year_ one - hun - dred or two_ My gift would sus - tain the

Pno.

rit. . . A Tempo ♩ = 116

28

Voice

cen - tu-ry through If I could be gran - ted one

Pno.

LH

pp

32

Voice

wish lit - tle one, To be a - ny - thing or to be a - ny - one, To touch the lives of

Pno.

36

Voice

those a-round me, One thing I know I would want to be. It's not a he-ro or a

Pno.

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rit.

40

Voice

King or Queen, It's not to be fa-mous, to be heard, or be seen, My

Pno.

f

A Tempo ♩ = 116

43

Voice

wish, if it's gran - ted, will last for e-ter-ni-ty A Chi-ld's smile_ A Chi-ld's smile_ is

Pno.

p

rit.

47

Voice

what_ I want_ to be. A chi-ld's smile is what I want to be.

Pno.