

Wakantanka (Many and Great)

Text: Dakota; Joseph R. Renville, 1846; paraphr. Philip Frazier, 1929, alt.

Music: Plains Indian traditional, 1879

LACQUIPARLE irregular

The musical score consists of three staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat. The first staff begins in C major (Cm), the second in F major (Fm), and the third in C major (Cm). The lyrics are in Dakota and English, with some lines numbered 1 and 2. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with several grace notes and slurs. The lyrics describe the creation of the world and the power of the Great Spirit.

1 Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya qa o - ta;
2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na - gi kin qu wo;
1 *Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of earth and sky.*
2 *Grant un - to us com-mun - ion with you, O star-a - bid - ing One.*

ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ça, ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca;
ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan - kam ya - ti, wi - co - wa - ste yu - ha nan - ka,
Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars; your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains
Come un - to us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.

mni - o-wan - ca sbe - ya wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
wi - co - ni kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi-han - ke wa - nin.
Lo, at your word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
Bless us with life that has no end, e - ter-nal life with you.