

# 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 common time (indicated by '2') and G clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first staff starts 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 in italics. The lyrics are as follows:

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 - sté 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.*