# AS THE TREE STANDS TALL
## SSA

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**Chris Wallitner, Daniel Schreiner**

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### About the composer

Daniel Schreiner (b. 1990) has his undergraduate degree in Choral/Vocal Music Education from Central Washington University. In his time at CWU, he sang in the CWU Chamber Choir, CWU Vocal Jazz 1, as well as participated in CWU's award winning opera program. He studied composition with Vijay Singh and conducting with Dr. Gary Weidenaar and Dr. Nikolas Caoile. He was the recipient of the 2011 Opus 7 Undergraduate Composition Award for his piece "Cain," which was premiered in February 2011 by the Opus 7 Vocal Ensemble. Daniel is currently pursuing a Masters in Choral Conducting from Central Washington University. He serves as the Music Supervisor for Mane Stage Theatre Company in Sumner, WA, and sings with the PLU Choral Union, the Wellspring Ensemble, and Chor Anno. For more information visit www.danielschreiner.com.

### About the poet

Chris Wallitner (b. 1997) is a composer, poet, and student at Central Washington University pursuing his undergraduate degree in Composition. Poems of his that have been set to music include; *Silence*, *Little Rose*, and *For You*. Alongside his poems are his compositions; *Common Thread*, *Little Rose*, and *Thinker's Lament*. Chris prides himself in his ability to create stories using words and music, and to be an asset to musicians that have a story to tell, but not the words to tell them.

### As the Tree Stands Tall

As the tree stands tall
Deeply rooted in its virtues,
We stand strong
Firmly planted in hope.
We branch out
Providing shelter for the lost!
As the tree stands tall
We stand together with you.
Like a child needs its mother
We must all look to each other.
Until we grow
And can fend for ourselves,
Then we shall turn
protecting children of our own.
As the tree stands tall
We stand together with you.

We know a storm is coming
And we know it's coming soon,
Bringing wind and thunder
Destruction and fear.
But come the dawn the sky will be clear...
For though they try to cut us down
We will never fall!
We will stand together
As the tree stands tall.
When our time at last has come
and we've sung our final song,
It echoes with our children
Our legacy lives on.
In the silence you can hear
Through the leaves our sacred call.
As the tree stands tall...

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