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The original idea for this play came from the ENO Programme that organises a tree planting day on the international day for peace in September. There was a need for a play that could be performed at schools during this special day.

The Drops Of Life is a story where some animals are gathered by an owl. The animals decide to plant trees. They face some problems but get help from a child. They also learn that together they can do more. This play is about the importance of environmental protection and co-operation.

The Drops Of Life has been created purely on a voluntary basis. The original manuscript is made by a Finnish writer and artist, *Mr Esko-Pekka Tiitinen*. The music and the translation are by *Mr Mika Vanhanen*. *The Drops Of Life* will be performed by children and youth around the world. It lasts about 15-20 minutes and includes four songs which are easy to sing and play, with sheet music (melody and chords) and optional background studio tracks. This play may be translated into different languages by teachers.

The animals in this play represent mostly endangered species and come from different parts of the world. Information about species and environmental issues will also be available for audience at schools.

The world premiere will be on **the 29th of May 2007** simultaneously in every continent, to celebrate the **World Environment Day 2007**. *The Drops Of Life* is one of the activities for the *ENO Tree Planting Campaign 2007*.



The Drops Of Life

An environmental play for children and adults

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ROLES:

Koala	(Australia)
Panda	(Asia)
Gorilla	(Africa)
Puma	(America)
Owl	(Europe)
Child	(World)

Choir
Band

SCENE I

Takes place in a dry desert. Owl is flying desperately around and calling out the other animals, playing a drum and saying "hoo hoo" to four directions. Animals come from Africa, Oceania, America and Asia.

OWL:

Hoo, Africa, can you hear me? Hoo!

GORILLA:

Yes we can hear you, what's the matter?

OWL:

I don't have time to tell you now, just come here, gorilla.

GORILLA:

What should I do?

OWL:

Come here and shout with me

GORILLA:(*pounding his chest*):

Oh well, why not! Shouting is always interesting.

OWL & GORILLA:

Hoo, hoo, Asia, can you hear us?

PANDA:

Yes we can hear you, what's the matter?

OWL:

I will tell you shortly, please come here, Panda.

PANDA:

What should I do?

GORILLA:

Come here and shout with us, this is cool! Just put your paws around your mouth and make a flat-out!

PANDA: Yes!

OWL, GORILLA & PANDA:

Hoo, hoo! America, can you hear us? Hoo!

PUMA:

Yes we can hear you, what's the matter?

OWL:

We are in a hurry, please come here, puma!

PUMA:

What should I do?

PANDA:

You have to shout, this is awfully nice! Soon everyone will join us!

OWL, GORILLA, PANDA & COUGAR:

Hoo, hoo, Oceania, can you hear us? Hoo!

KOALA:

Yes we can hear you, don't shout! I can hear with less volume. What is the matter?

PUMA:

We don't know but owl knows.

OWL:

Please listen to me everybody. During the years I have flown here and there. I know what is happening on the Earth.

OTHERS

What?

OWL:

It is a problem called desertification.

OTHERS: Desertification?

PUMA:

What does that mean?

OWL:

Well, trees are vanishing, the earth is drying and sand is flying.

GORILLA: So- to solve the problem- let's plant new trees!

OWL:

Yes, let's do it! But where do you think we can find seeds or seedlings?

SCENE II

(Koala is scratching himself)

OWL:

What is wrong with him?

KOALA:

It is so hot, I am itchy all over. My fur is so dry. Please scratch me!

OWL:

Scratch you?

KOALA:

Yes, yes, scratch me, please! I can't cope otherwise!

(Others are scratching and tickling, owl is beating time with his drum, Koala is laughing)

A TICKLING SONG

ALL: “Dry is Earth and dry is fur
 No wonder if you're itchy, sir!”

KOALA: ”I feel so good, ha ha ha
 scratch me near, scratch me far
 oh, oh, here and there,
 wunderbar!”

ALL: “Koala is a good old Jack:
 Let's scratch his snout and his back “

GORILLA: (Finds a eucalyptus seed in the fur of koala)
Well, what have we here? A eucalyptus seed, it was this that tickled you.

PUMA:

Now I am feeling itchy. Please scratch me as well!

ALL: "Puma has this itchy thing
let's scratch and scratch and scratch and sing!"

PUMA: "I feel so good, ha ha ha
scratch me near, scratch me far
oh, oh, here and there,
wunderbar!"

GORILLA:
No wonder you felt itchy, I found an Acasian seedling in your fur!

PANDA: (Scratching his armpit)
I am itchy, itchy! Now I got it!

ALL: "What's under his arm, who can tell?
Let's find out and scratch him well!"

PANDA: "I feel so good, ha ha ha
scratch me near, scratch me far
oh, oh, here and there,
wunderbar!"

GORILLA:
There was a fir seed under your arm, no wonder you felt itchy. I am not itchy, but....
but..... could you tickle me also? It looks so nice.

ALL: "We scratch your neck, gorilla friend
don't get mad, you're on the mend!"

Scratching gorilla like crazy. Gorilla is laughing and rolling around.

GORILLA:
Please stop it, stop it!

OWL:
We have now one seed and two seedlings.

PANDA:
What can you do with them?

KOALA:
I know, let's plant them. If a tree grew here I could climb up there and do some
thinking.

PUMA:

If a tree grew here I could breastfeed my cubs in the shadow.

GORILLA:

If a tree grew here you wouldn't get sand into your eyes. But one tree is not enough. We need a forest.

OWL:

Excellent! Now we'll do some calculations: If each of us planted one tree how many would it be altogether?

ALL:

One, two, three, four, five!

OWL:

Correct. Five trees, that is almost a small forest, but if each of us planted two trees how many trees would it be altogether? Two times five?

ALL:

Two, four, six, eight, ten!

OWL::

If one million animals planted one tree how many trees would there be in our forest?

ALL:

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve.....

OWL:

To add all those trees up would take a whole year, think again!

ALL:

One million!!!!

OWL:

That's it! A seed is the baby of tree, a seedling is a small child ! One million babies!

KOALA:

A tree is the mother of the seed. I want to climb into a tree!

OWL:

Sure! So- let's start the work!

SCENE III

(During the song the animals plant the seedlings and the seed)

A TREE PLANTING SONG

1. A tiny, tiny, tiny seed
we plant you here carefully
A tiny tree, grows silently
A brand new world is here to see.

Let it rain and let it shine
this seedling will survive.
A new life has just begun:
so send your greetings Sun!

CHORUS Shine our Sun so brightly!
the seedling needs your light
to grow and rise above us
and say hello to sky!

Shine our Sun so brightly!
the seedling needs your light
to grow and rise above us
and say hello to sky!

2. A soil fertile, with a smile
welcomes you, our golden tree
Your twigs are frail, you start your tale
We hope you live here wild and free

Let it rain, let it shine
this seedling will survive.
A new life has just begun
so send your greetings Sun!

CHORUS: Shine our Sun so brightly!
seedling needs your light
to grow and rise above us
and say hello to sky!
Shine our Sun so brightly!
seedling needs your light
to grow and rise above us
and say hello to sky!

Looking at their plantings.

OWL:

To grow a tree needs more than singing. What do we need, tell me!

Animals are confused. Owl makes a pantomime where he acts out the rain with his wings.

OWL:

What do we need?

PANDA:

We need mosquitos?

OWL:

Oh no. What do we need that our tree would grow.

GORILLA:

We need rain!

OWL:

Correct, what else? (*shows "sunny" look in his face*)

PUMA:

Do we need to pull our faces?

OWL:

Oh no, I am smiling!

KOALA:

We need the sun.

OWL:

So- let's work!

OTHERS:

So – what?

OWL: The sun is already in the sky but the water is under the Earth. So – let's dig!

Digging a well with their paws.

WATER BLUES

OWL: Everyone knows, everyone knows, everyone knows this blues
water we need, water we need, every tree and moose

OTHERS: That is the true, that is true, we are thirsty, our tongues are dry
we have to find clean water somewhere or cloudy becomes our sky.

OWL: We have to think, we have to think, let's put our heads together.
If we won't go to look for the springs, we only cry for better.

OTHERS Where should we go, where should we go? This is our land, we live here
We have to stay, we have to stay, our roots are in this land, dear.

A Million, million, million litres of water lie under the ground
we'll get it soon, we'll get it soon if not now then the next round.

(digging earth with their paws)

Hi and ho we all row
in this boat for common goal!
Hi and ho, we have no shoes
We sing this water blues!
Hi and ho, we all row
in this boat for common goal!
Hi and ho, nothing to loose.
We sing this water blues!
We sing this water blues.....

Animals are eagerly watching the well and water rising.

ALL:
Rise water, rise water, rise water, rise water, rise water....

PUMA:
There is no water!

PANDA:
The well isn't deep enough

OWL:

Let's try it once more.

ALL: *(dance around the hole)*

Rise water, rise water, rise water, rise water, rise water....

KOALA:

Who would help us?

CHILD (a call is heard but not the child)

I 'll help you.

OWL:

Who called?

(A child appears who carries a water pot and a shovel, animals are scared).

CHILD:

I help you.

PANDA:

It is a human being.

ALL:

A human being!

PUMA:

Watch out, I have seen a human being before.

KOALA:

Me too, some human beings are big.

PANDA:

But this is small, the same size as us.

GORILLA:

And besides, it is a child, a lot smaller than me. You don't have to be afraid of her, And besides, some people can be as wise as animals.

PUMA: Can that be true?

GORILLA: A child is the wisest human being there is.

OWL: (to child)

What do you mean, how could you help us?

CHILD:

I have a strong will.

ALL:

A strong will?

CHILD

Yes, I am as strong as a seedling, I also want to grow and besides, I know the children's rights.

OWL:

Yes, yes, but they are the rights of human beings.

CHILD:

Everyone has the same rights, people and animals and plants. Nobody can choose the place where to be born. Everyone has a right to live.

KOALA:

Wow, you are nice, for a human being.

CHILD:

I have a surprise for you. Who is thirsty? (*Everybody raises their hands*) Who has been itchy today? (*Everybody raises their hands*) Who has a dry fur? (*Everybody raises their hands*). So come here. A well was built in our village a long time ago. I brought this water from that well. This water belongs to you as well. And with this shovel we can dig a bigger well together. I can help you. Here are the drops of life for you.

Animals line up beside the seedlings and seed. Child pours water from the pot for everybody. The animals drink themselves and give the rest of the water to the seedlings.

CHILD: (Pours water to puma)
We will protect water!

ALL: We'll protect water!

CHILD (Pours water to Koala):
We will protect air!

ALL: We'll protect air!

CHILD (Pours water to Panda):
We will protect animals!

ALL: We'll protect animals!

CHILD (Pours water to Gorilla):
We will protect human beings!

ALL: We'll protect human beings!

CHILD: (Pours water to Owl)
We will protect plants!

ALL: We'll protect plants!

CHILD (Pours water to seedlings and seed)

We will protect nature!
Here's a drop of water
for the big and the small
and a new life!

THERE ARE NO WALLS BETWEEN US

We wander in nature and ask
 What do we have to give?
 A wish is turning into our task
 under the Sun we live.

The wish out there is simple and clear
 A message of love and care
 Just open your mind and you can hear
 The same language we share.

**There are no walls between us, no fences or border
 When we walk around the world and live in every corner.**

**There are no walls between us, no fences or border
 When we walk around the world and live in every corner.**

Rivers and seas, mountains and trees,
 And forest, they need protection
 We want to preserve this all and peace
 For nature we feel affection.

Here, and there, everywhere
 we sing this song with pride
 and hope that every one of us
 live happily side by side

**There are no walls between us, no fences or border
 When we walk around the world and live in every corner.**

**This song is meant to everyone: this wish will stay in your mind.
 Remember that all the smaller ones also know about life.
 Remember that all the smaller ones also know about life.**

THE END



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SHEET MUSIC

ENO PROGRAMME

MARCH 2007

A Tickling Song

Tempo= 80

Vanhanen/Tiitinen 2007

Spoken in rhythm: DRY IS EARTH AND DRY IS FUR, NO WONDER IF YOU'RE

CHOIR: F Bb7

ITCHY, SIR! Dry - is our peel, it - chy we

F D7-9 G Gbmaj F C F

fe - el: scratch will heal! ALL: Ko a - la is a good old Jack: Let's

KOALA: Bb F F

scrath his sno - ut and his back" I feel so goød ha ha ha! Scrath me near__

D7 G C F

scrath me fa - r oh, oh, here and there wund-er - bar!

Bb7

GORILLA: (Finds a eucalyptus seed in the fur of koala) Well, what have we here? A eucalyptus seed, it was this that tickled you.

F D7-9

PUMA: Now I am feeling itchy. Please scratch me as well!

G Gbmaj F

C F

ALL: Pu - ma has this it - chy thing: Let's scratch and scratch and

PUMA: Bb F D

scratch and sing! I feel so go-od: ha-ha-ha! Scrath me near__ scratch me far__

A Tickling Song

oh, oh here and there: wun-der - bar!

GORILLA: No wonder you felt itchy, I found an Acasian seedling in your fur!

PANDA: (Scratching his armpit) I am itchy, itchy! Now I got it!

ALL What's un-der his arm, who can tell? Let's find out and

PANDA: scratch him well! I feel so good ha-ha-ha! Scratch me near, — scratch me far —

oh, oh, here and there: wun-der - bar!

GORILLA: There was a fir seed under your arm, no wonder you felt itchy. I am not itchy,

but..... but..... could you tickle me also? It looks so nice.

ALL: We scratch your neck, go - ril-la friend.

Don't get mad you're on the mend!

Scratching gorilla like crazy. Gorilla is laughing and rolling around.

GORILLA: Please stop it, stop it!

A Tree Planting Song

EP Tiitinen - M Vanhanen / 2007

Tempo= 120

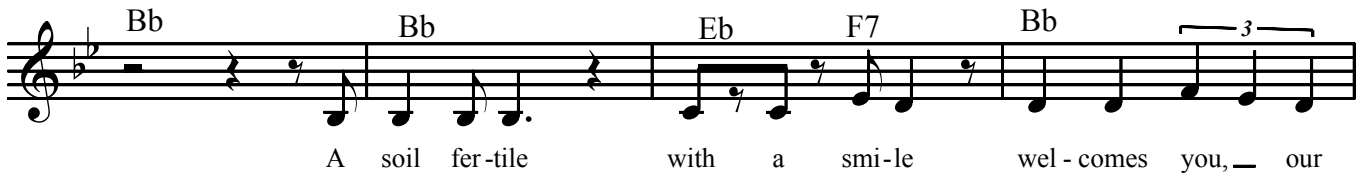
The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The first staff shows the key signature and the first four chords: Eb, Bb, F, and Gm. The second staff continues with Eb, Bb, F, Bb, and Bb. The third staff includes Cm, F7, Bb, F7, Bb, Cm, and F7. The fourth staff has Bb/D, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, and F. The fifth staff features Gm, F, Gm, and F. The sixth staff includes Eb, F7, Eb, and Bb. The seventh staff has F7, Bb, Eb, and Bb. The eighth staff contains Eb, F7, Eb, and Bb. The ninth staff shows F7, Bb, Eb, and Bb. The tenth staff has Gm, Eb, Bb, and F7. The lyrics are: 'A ti - ny tree a ti - ny tree we plant-you he-re care-ful-ly. A ti - ny tree, grows si - lent-ly a brand-new wor-ld is here to see. Let it ra - i - n let-it - shine the seed - ling will sur - vive. A new li - fe has just be-gun so send your gree - tings Sun! Shine - our Sun - so bright - ly the Seed - ling needs - your - light to grow - and rise - a - bove us and say - hel - lo - to sky. Shine - our Sun - so bright - ly the Seed - ling needs - your - light to grow - and rise - a - bove us and say - hel - lo - to sky'.

NOTE: In the CHORUS PART THE LEAD MELODY LINE IS THE LOWER BUT IN THE LAST PHRASE (SAY HELLO TO SUN) IS THE UPPER MELODY!

A Tree Planting Song

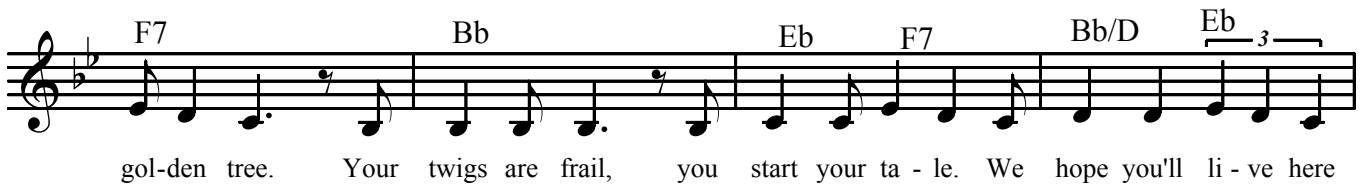
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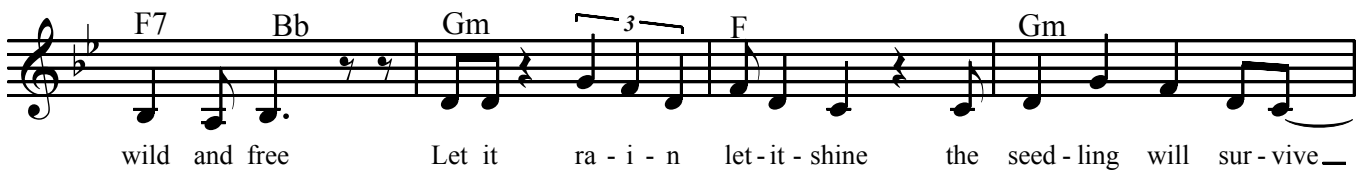
A soil fer-tile with a smi-le wel-comes you, our

F7 Bb Eb F7 Bb/D Eb 3



gol-den tree. Your twigs are frail, you start your ta-le. We hope you'll li-ve here

F7 Bb Gm 3 F Gm



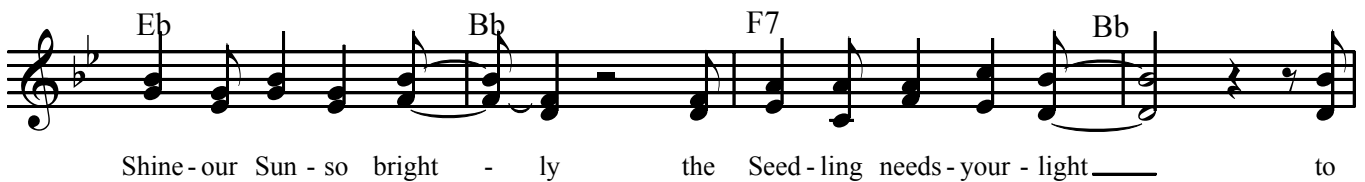
wild and free Let it ra-i-n let-it-shine the seed-ling will sur-vive

F7 Gm 3 F7 Eb Fsus F7



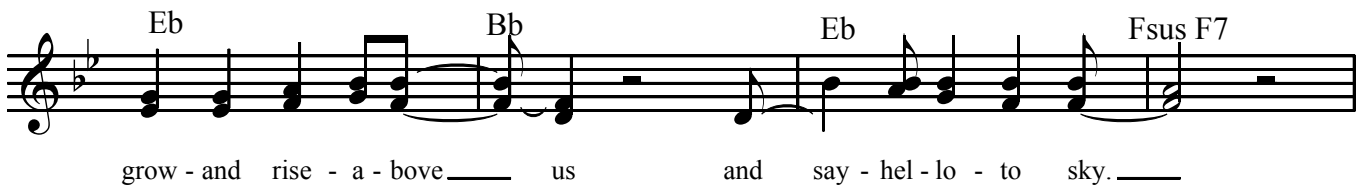
A new li-fe has just be-gun so send your gree-tings Sun!

Eb Bb F7 Bb



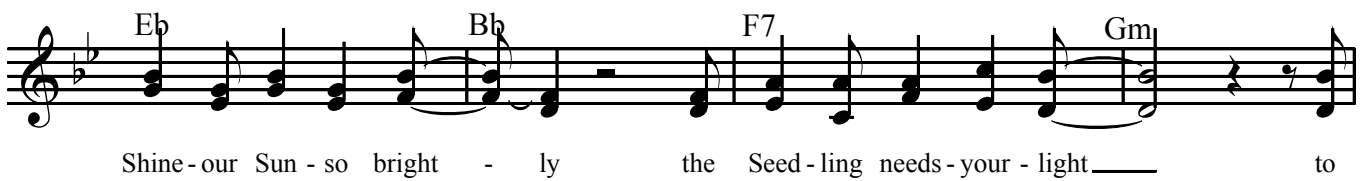
Shine-our Sun-so bright-ly the Seed-ling needs-your-light to

Eb Bb Eb Fsus F7



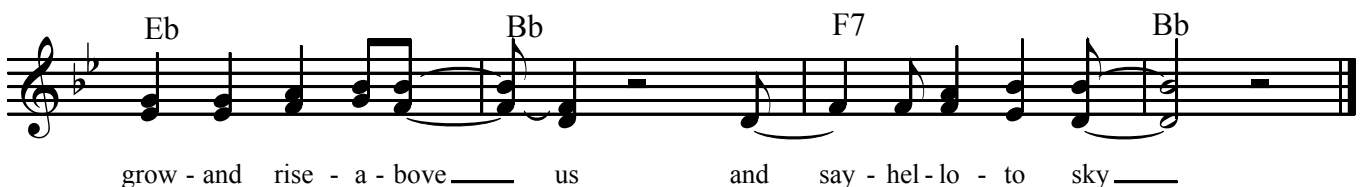
grow-and rise-a-bove us and say-hel-lo-to sky

Eb Bb F7 Gm



Shine-our Sun-so bright-ly the Seed-ling needs-your-light to

Eb Bb F7 Bb




grow-and rise-a-bove us and say-hel-lo-to sky

A Tree Planting Song/voices in Chorus part


Tiitinen-Vanhanen/2007

Soprano



Shine our Sun so bright - ly the seed - ling needs your —

Alto




S




light to grow and rise a - bove us and say hel-lo to — sky —

A




S




Shine our Sun so bright - ly the seed - ling needs your — light to

A




S



grow and rise a - bove us and say hel - lo to sky —

A



Water Blues

Tempo= 105

E-P Tiitinen /M Vanhanen 2007

INTRO: 8 BARS (E)
E

OWL: Eve-ry-one knows eve-ry-one knows eve-ry-one knows this
E G A E D
blu-es wa-ter we need__ wa-ter we need__ eve-ry tree and
E E
moo-se. **OTHERS:** That is true__ That is true__
E G
we are thirs - ty, our tongues are dry. We have to find__ clean
A E D E
OWL: wa-ter some- whe - re or clou- dy be comes our sky.__
A E
We have to think We have to think Let's put our heads__ to- get -
A B
- her If we won't go to look for the springs we only cry for bet -
E
- ter. **OTHERS:** Where should we go?__ where should we go?__
E G
This is our land: we live here - - We have to stay,__
A E D E
we have to stay__ our roots are in this land, dear!
E

SOLO/DANCING, MOVING IN A RHYTHM

Water Blues

2

E G A E D E

E G E D

A mil - lion mil - lion

E G E D E G A E E G

mil-lion, lit - res of wa - ter lies un - der the gro-und we'll get it soon

A E D E E7

we'll get it soon if not now, then the next round.

A E

Hi and ho, we all row in this boat for the com-mon goal.

A B

Hi and ho, we got no shoes: we sing this wa-ter blues.

A E

Hi and ho, we all row, in this boat for the com-mon goal.

A B

Hi and ho, no - thing to loose, we sing this wa-ter blues, we

D E D E

sing this water blues we sing this wa-ter blues. we

D E D E

sing this wa - ter blues. we sing this wa - ter blues.

There Are No Walls Between Us

Tempo= 90

E-P Tiitinen/M Vanhanen 2007

INTRO: Flute/reed

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It begins with an instrumental introduction for flute or reed. The vocal lines are accompanied by chords and lyrics. The lyrics are: "We wan-der in the na-ture and ask: what do-we have - to - give? A wish is tur-ning-in - to-our-task un-der the Su n we li-ve A wish out there is simp-le and clear a mes-sage of love and care. - Just o-pen your mi-nd and you-can-hear the same lan-guage we share. There are no walls bet - ween us no fen - ces or bor-der when we walk a - round-the world and live in eve - ry cor - ner There are no walls bet - ween us, no fen - ces or bor-der When we walk a - round the world and live in eve - ry cor - ner."

Chords: Eb, Fm/Eb, Ebmaj7, Fm/Eb, Eb, Fm/Eb, Eb, Fm/Eb, Eb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb, Ebmaj7, Gm7, /F# Fm7, Eb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Ddim, G7, Cm, Cm/Bb, Ab, Bb, Eb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Ddim, G7, Cm, Cm/Bb, Ab, Bb, Eb.

- There are no walls between us-

E-P Tiitinen/M Vanhanen 2007

The image shows a musical score for the song "There are no walls between us" by E-P Tiitinen and M Vanhanen (2007). The score is written in a single system with ten staves. The key signature is E-flat major (three flats) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chord symbols are placed above the staff, and lyrics are written below the staff. The lyrics are: "There are no walls between us, no fences or borders when we walk around the world and live in every corner. This song is meant to everyone, this wish will stay in your mind. Remember that all the smaller ones also know about life. Remember that all the smaller ones also know about life." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Chord symbols: Eb, Fm, Eb/G, Fm/Ab, Eb/Bb, Fm/C, Eb/Bb, Fm/Ab, Eb, Eb, Ebmaj7, Gm7, /F#, Fm7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb, Ebmaj7, Gm7, /F#, Fm7, Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Ddim, G7, Cm, Cm/Bb, Ab, Bb, Eb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Ddim, G7, Cm, Cm/Bb, Ab, Bb, Ab, Bb, Eb, Ddim, G7, Cm, Cm/Bb, Ab, Bb, Eb.

Lyrics:
There are no walls between us, no fences or borders
when we walk around the world and live in every corner. This song is meant to
everyone, this wish will stay in your mind. Remember that all the smaller ones
also know about life. Remember that all the smaller ones also know about
life.