

The Gender that's Right for Me

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Lilting ♩ = 46

TENOR LEAD

1. I of-ten felt vexed be-cause I was mis-sexed, doomed since my ga-metes first
 2. (I) al-ways felt shame, told that I was to blame, "Diff-erent," and oft-en a-

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met.____ But_ now I re-joyce be-cause I've found my voice, and I'm say-ing good-bye to cis-
 lone.____ Now I've found peace with-in be-cause I've found my kin and a place I feel safe and at

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Rubato

Shuffle

het.____ I feel a gid-dy glow, man,____
 home.____ Don't care 'bout win-ning fans, man,____
 3. They'll look on us with en-vy,____

1. (And I've no re-gret.____ I feel)____ (I've real
 2. (You are not a-lone.____ Don't care)____ (Sing____
 3. (They'll look)____ (trans -

1. (I'm out; I'll
 2. (One guy's heart
 3. (All queers are

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I've real-ized that I'm a wo(e) - man... I have come out; if I must.
 sing - ing out that I'm a trans - man... One of the guys, and my heart,
 mas - cu - line, flu - id and en - by, a - gen - der, queer, wel - come home,

ized) _____
 out) _____
 femme) _____

(I've come out and
 (One of the guys, my
 (gen - der - queer, we're

_____ shout)
 _____ cries,)
 15 home here.)

I will shout af - firm - ing my i - den - ti - ty.
 how it cries, "At last! I final - ly feel free."
 glad you're here! And al - lies(?), you're wel - come here, too.

I will shout) _____
 heart, it cries,) _____
 glad you're here,) _____

(I _____
 (List - en _____
 (Speak _____

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I want - ed you to know, man, Done put - ting on a
 List - en up while I ex - plain, man, Let me say it once a -
 Don't be shy, go on and speak, out. No one here is going to

want) _____
 up) _____
 out) _____

(I'm done) _____
 (Let me say) _____
 (No one) _____

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show, man. I've bro - ken free and the world.
 gain, man. I came un - bound in my soul
 freak out. Share sor - rows and joys, stor - ies, songs,

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gets to see the gen - der that's right for me. Ooo 2. I
 when I found the gen - der that's right for me.
 find the voice for the gen - der that's right for you.

Recitative:

Provided text is as performed at the 2018 Transgender Voices Festival in St. Paul.

Feel free to write your own :-)

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2. *Lead only (TBB on Ooo):*
 Given that humans like to pride ourselves
 on being distinctly intelligent, creative, creatures,
 unique, and individual
 It is absurd how so many adhere to
 the colonial, patriarchal myth that
 every person is immutably born as
 one and only one of two and only features.
 two genders based solely on
 certain visible physical

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Furthermore, as many people in this
 room undoubtedly know, asserting this
 idea, which has been disproved by
 geneticists, neurologists, psychologists,
 sociologists, and historians can cause
 individuals that do not conform to social
 norms irreparable
 harm:
 A variety of statistics, from the -
 attempted suicide rate of trans
 identified people to the number
 of murders of trans people of
 color, are certainly cause for a -
 larm; but

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8 *tutti:* *Lead only (TBB on "Ah")*

that's not why we're here! This is a "Festival", and for the next two days let's take the opportunity that coming together gives us to celebrate. Here, in the safety of each other's arms, let us explore the many glorious ways in which being trans is great!

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Here, let us fearlessly share with each other and help each other discover and proudly claim our own unique, valid, and unashamed voice. Here, let us sing, speak, laugh, cry, and (society forbid!), rejoice!

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And, for all of you cis-gender allies, we are happy to report, That if you take this opportunity to listen to us, you'll learn some best practices for providing your friends and students much-needed support.

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8 **D.S. al Coda**

We thank you all for coming, whether you are cis-, trans-feminine, trans-masculine, or you find that over time your gender varies, are genderqueer, have no gender at all, or are one of our beautiful non-binaryaries!

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Time to sing out, show the world there's no doubt of the gender that's right for me—he, she, they, we.