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Shades of Green

Mixed Voices, S.A.B., with Piano

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Moderato (♩ = 88 - 92)

Soprano Alto *unis. mp*

As you

Piano *mp*

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walk in the for-est stop and no-tice the trees; some have nee-dles and

10 *mp*

cones, and oth-ers have leaves. But—ev'-ry tree is spe-cial, and—

Composers' note: "This piece was composed with the intention of creating dialogue between students and teachers in hopes of promoting racial and social tolerance. The idea came while looking at the mountains and seeing all their beauty. The hills and valleys were covered with many trees—no two of which were exactly the same. With further thought, it was realized that the forest is a perfect metaphor for the world, and the trees are its people."

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soon you will see that the for - est is filled with in - di - vi - du - al - i -

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ty.

Altos *mp*

Oak or fir, pine or birch, ev' - ry co - lor in be -

Baritone *mp*

25

tween, ev' - ry leaf, ev' - ry nee - dle, — all are diff - rent shades of