

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

(for Marsha Aguirre: Educator, Administrator)

Leslie Gray & Traditional Words

Michael A. Gray (ver. 2012)

michaelgray@earthlink.net

Three Sopranos

Three Altos

One Tenor, Two Basses

Soprano

Mezzo-Soprano

f SOLO:

Alto

Ti-na sing - u le-lu-vu-tae- o, _ Wat - - sha.

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

2

We are the flame; The burn-ing fire! _ Watch _ us grow _

Gray-It takes a Village p.2

♩ = 120 (♩ ♩ = $\frac{1}{3}$ ♩ ♩)

3 4 5 6

p Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__
 Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

7 8 9 10

p Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu-
 Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__
 Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Gray-It takes a Village p.3

11 12 13 14

mf A ti - ny em - ber flares_ a- loft___ in-to the night__

mf A ti - ny em - ber flares_ a- loft___ in-to the night__

vu-tae- o___ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu-

Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___

Ti- na Sing- u le-lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___

15 16 17 18

Its shin- ing bril - liance a gleam of hope___ for fu- ture light.__

Its shin- ing bril - liance a gleam of hope___ for fu- ture light__

vu-tae- o___ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu-

Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___

Ti- na Sing- u le-lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___

Gray-It takes a Village p.4

19 *mf* 20 21 22

The reign- ing dark - ness a-waits in- tent ___ it should ex- pire ___

The reign- ing dark - ness a-waits in- tent ___ it should ex- pire ___

The reign- ing dark - ness a-waits in- tent ___ it should ex- pire ___

vu-tae- o ___ Wat- sha _ wat- sha ___ wat- sha! _ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu-

Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o ___ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o ___

Ti- na Sing- u le-lu- vu-tae- o ___ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o ___

23 24 25 *cresc.* 26 *f*

Who will _ em- brace ___ the flame_ and build ___ a blaz- ing fire? ___

Who will _ em- brace ___ the flame_ and build ___ a blaz- ing fire? ___

Who will _ em- brace ___ the flame_ and build ___ a blaz- ing fire? ___ It takes a

vu- tae- o ___ Wat- sha _ wat- sha ___ wat - sha_ wat- sha ___ wat- sha_ It takes a

Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o ___ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o ___ It takes a

Ti- na Sing- u le-lu- vu-tae- o ___ Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o ___ It takes a

Gray-It takes a Village p.5

27

28

29

30

..To raise_a child _____ ..To raise_a child _____
 It takes a vil-lage to raise_ a child _____ It takes a vil-lage to raise_ a child _____
 vil-lage to raise a child _____ It takes a vil-lage to raise a child _____ It takes a
 To raise_a child _____ To raise_a child _____
 vil-lage to raise a child _____ It takes a vil-lage to raise a child _____ It takes a
 vil-lage to raise a child! _____ It takes a vil-lage to raise a child _____ It takes a

31

32

33

34

To raise_a child _____ It takes a vil-lage to raise_ To raise a child_
 It takes a vil-lage to raise_ a child _____ It takes a vil-lage to raise_ To raise a child_
 vil-lage to raise a child_ It takes a vil-lage To_ raise_ To raise a child_
 To raise_a child _____ It takes a vil-lage to raise_ To raise a child_
 vil-lage to raise a child _____ It takes a vil-lage It takes a vil-lage to raise a child_
 vil-lage to raise a child_ It takes a vil-lage It takes a vil-lage to raise a child_

Gray-It takes a Village p.6

35 36 37 38

Wat- sha wat- sha ___

Wat- sha wat- sha ___

Ti - na_ sing - u ___

Wat- sha_ wat sha ___

Ti - na_ sing - u ___

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

39 40 41 42

- sha. Ti na sing- u ___ Ti - na sing- u le- lu - vu-tae - o__

Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae o__

- sha. Ti- na sing - u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na sing- u le lu- vu-tae -o__

Le-lu- vu-tae - o ___

Le-lu- vu-tae - o ___

Le-lu- vu-tae - o ___

dim.

dim.

dim.

Gray-It takes a Village p.7

43 *p* 44 45 46

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

47 48 49 50

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

mf Are we_ the for- - ests, are we the mount- ains, are we the seas?_

mf Are we_ the for - ests, are we the mount- ains, are we the seas?_

mf Are we_ the for - ests, are we the mount- ains, are we the seas?_

Gray-It takes a Village p.8

51

52

53

54

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Can true_co- mit- ment en-twine for us__ to learn from these?__

Can true_co- mit- ment en-twine for us__ to learn from these?__

Can true_co- mit- ment en-twine for us__ to learn from these?__

55

56

57

58

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Have we_ a left__hand have we a right__ to hold the flame?_

Have we_ a left__hand have we a right__ to hold the flame?__

Have we_ a left__hand have we a right__ to hold the flame?_

Gray-It takes a Village p.9

59

60

61

62

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae o_

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ It takes a

Your hand_in my ___hand are strong e- nough_ to do the same!_

Your hand_in my ___hand are strong e- nough_ to do the same!_ It takes a

Your hand_in my ___hand are strong e- nough_ to do the same!_ It takes a

To raise_a child_ To raise_a child_

It takes a vil-lage to raise ___ a child ___ It takes a vil-lage to raise ___ a child ___

vil-lage to raise a child ___ It takes a vil-lage to raise a child ___ It takes a

To raise_a child_ To raise_a child_

vil-lage to raise a child ___ It takes a vil-lage to raise a child ___ It takes a

vil-lage to raise a child ___ It takes a vil-lage toraise a child ___ It takes a

Gray-It takes a Village p.10

67 68 69 70

To raise_a child _____ It takes a vil- lage to raise_ to raise a child_

It takes a vil- lage to raise _ a child _____ It takes a vil- lage to raise _ to raise a child_

vil- lage to raise a child_ It takes a vil- lage to _ raise _ to raise a child_

..To raise a child _____ It takes a vil- lage to raise _ to raise a child_

vil- lage to raise a child _____ It takes a vil- lage It takes a vil- lage to raise a child_

vil- lage to raise a child _____ It takes a vil- lage.. It takes a vil- lage to raise child_

71 72 73 74

Wat- sha wat-

Wat - sha_ wat - sha _____ Wat - sha wat-

Ti - na_ sing - u _____

Wat- sha_ wat sha _____ Ti - na_ sing - u _____

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o _____

Gray-It takes a Village p.11

75 76 77 78

- sha. Ti na sing-u ___ Ti - na sing - u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

Ti-na sing- u le- lu vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

- sha. Ti- na sing - u le- lu- vu-tae- o ___ Ti-na sing- u le lu- vu-tae -o_

..Le-lu-vu-tae- o a' Ti-na

Le-lu-vu-tae o a' Ti-na

79 80 81 82

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_

sing-u a' Ti- na sing-u a' Ti- na ..Ti-na sing - u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ a' Ti- na

sing-u a' Ti-na sing-u a' Ti-na sing-u a' Ti- na sing-u a' Ti- na

Gray-It takes a Village p.12

83

84

85

86

mp Oo! _____

mp Ti- na sing- u le- lu vu-tae- o__ Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

sing-u a' Ti- na sing-u Wat-cha! Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ a' Ti- na

mp Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Wat- sha_ wat- sha__ wat- sha.

sing-u a' Ti- na sing-u a' Ti- na sing-u a' Ti- na sing-u a' Ti- na

Gray-It takes a Village p.13

87 88 89 90 *mf* >



Ti-na sing - o le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti- na sing -o le- lu- vu-tae- o_ *mf* Wat- sha_

cresc.

Ti- na sing- u le- lu vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ *mf*

Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ Ti-na sing- us le- lu- vu- tae- o_

sing-u a' Ti- na sing-u Wat-cha! Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o_ a' Ti- na

Ti-na sing-u le-lu- vu-tae- o_ Wat- sha_wat- sha__wat- sha_ *mf*

sing-u a' Ti-na sing-u a' Ti-na sing-u a' Ti- na sing-u a' Ti- na..

Gray-It takes a Village p.14

91 92 93 94

Wat sha_ Wat sha_

Ti-na sing - o le- lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti- na sing -o le- lu- vu-tae- o___

mf Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu- tae o__ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___

mf Ti- na sing- u le- lu vu-tae- o__ Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

mf sing-u a' Ti- na sing-u Wat-cha! Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ a' Ti- na

mf Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Wat- sha_ wat- sha__ wat- sha_

Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Gray-It takes a Village p.15

95 96 97 98

wat- sha Wat- sha_

Ti - na sing- o le- lu- vu - tae -o.. Ti - na sing- o le- lu- vu- tae- o..

Ti-na sing - o le- lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti- na sing -o le- lu- vu-tae- o___

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu- tae o__ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___

Ti- na sing- u le- lu vu-tae- o__ Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o___ Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

vu-tae- o__ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu-

Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__ Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o__

Gray-It takes a Village p.16

99 100 101 102

wat- sha Wat- sha_

Ti - na sing- o le- lu- vu - tae -o. Ti - na sing- o le- lu- vu- tae- o.

Ti-na sing - o le- lu- vu-tae- o Ti- na sing -o le- lu- vu-tae- o

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu- tae o Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o *ff* It takes a

vu- tae- o Wat- sha_ wat- sha_ wat- sha_ wat- sha_ wat- sha_

Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o Ti-na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o *ff* It takes a

Ti- na Sing- u le-lu- vu-tae- o Ti- na Sing- u le- lu- vu-tae- o *ff* Ittakes a

Gray-It takes a Village p.17

103

104

105

106

_ wat- sha _

To raise_a child

It takes a vil-lage to raise_a child

vil-lage to raise a child

..To raise_a child

vil-lage to raise a child

vil-lage to raise a child

Gray-It takes a Village p.18

107

108

109

110

The musical score consists of eight staves. The first four staves are empty, representing measures 107-110. The fifth staff begins with the lyrics: "To raise_ a child_ It takes a vil-lage to raise_ to raise a child_". The sixth staff continues: "It takes a vil-lage to raise_ a child_ It takes a vil-lage to raise_ to raise a child_". The seventh staff continues: "vil-lage to raise a child_ It takes a vil-lage to_ raise_ to raise a child_". The eighth staff continues: "..To raise_ a child_ It takes a village to raise _ to raise a child_". The ninth staff continues: "vil-lage to raise a child_ It takes a vil- lage It takes a vil- lage to raise a child_". The tenth staff continues: "vil-lage to raise a child_ It takes a vil-lage.. It takes a vil-lage to raise a child_".

To raise_ a child_ It takes a vil-lage to raise_ to raise a child_
 It takes a vil-lage to raise_ a child_ It takes a vil-lage to raise_ to raise a child_
 vil-lage to raise a child_ It takes a vil-lage to_ raise_ to raise a child_
 ..To raise_ a child_ It takes a village to raise _ to raise a child_
 vil-lage to raise a child_ It takes a vil- lage It takes a vil- lage to raise a child_
 vil-lage to raise a child_ It takes a vil-lage.. It takes a vil-lage to raise a child_

Gray-It takes a Village p.19

111

112

113

114

2 Sopranos & 3 Altos:

ff

ff

It takes a vil-lage to raise _ To raise a child

It takes a vil-lage to raise _ To raise a child

Wat-sha wat-

Wat - sha_ wat - sha _

Wat - sha wat-

Ti - na_ sing - u _

Wat- sha_ wat sha _

Ti - na_ sing u _

Ti-na sing- u le- lu- vu-tae - o _

Gray-It takes a Village p.20

115 **SOLO:**

116

117

Ti - na sing- o le- lu- vu- tae- o

To raise

To raise_

- sha!

Ti - na sing - u *non dim.* Ti - na sing - u - le - lu -

Ti- na sing- u le- lu- vu- tae o *non dim.* Ti- na sing- u le- lu-

- sha! Ti- na sing - u le- lu- vu- tae- o *non dim.* Ti- na sing-

..Le- lu- vu- tae- o *non dim.*

Le - lu - vu - tae - o *non dim.*

..Le- lu- vu- tae- o *non dim.*

Gray-It takes a Village p.21

118

119

120

cresc.

Wat - sha__ wat - sha__ wat - sha_
 to raise a child. __ Wat - sha__ wat - sha__ wat - sha__
 to raise a child. __ Wat - sha__ wat - sha__ wat - sha__
 vu- tae- o__ Wat- sha__ wat- sha__ wat- sha__
 vu- tae - o__ Wat- sha__ wat- sha. __ wat- sha__
 - u le- lu- vu- tae- o__ Wat - sha__ wat- sha__ wat- sha__
 Wat- sha__ wat- sha__ wat- sha__
 Wat- sha__ wat- sha__ wat- sha__
 Wat- sha__ wat - sha__ wat - sha__