

It's Time

Original campaign song by Paul Jones and Mike Shirley

Arr Sarah Lambert

Version 3 (sop refinements and additional arranger's notes)

blues gospel style ♩ = 84

Verse 1

Voice

It's time for free-dom time for mo-ving it's time to be-gin yes it's time It's time for free-dom

Organ

Bb Bb F C/F C Bb F C G Bb F

Electric Bass

Soprano

Alto

Bass

Verse 3

7 time for mo-ving it's time to be-gin yes it's time Time for all folk Time we loved them it time to - care yes it's

7

Org.

C Bb F C G Bb F C/F C Bb F

7

bass

7

S

A

B

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Verse 4 (choir entry)

Verse 5 (extra soloist)

13

time Time for chil-dren time to teach them it's time it was free yes it's time ³ time for car ing

Org.

C G Bb F C/F C Bb F C/F C Bb F

bass

S

A

B

ti - i - i - ime

time time time time time time time time time

time time time time time time time time time

Verse 6

19

time for lov - ving it's time to - o move yes it's time Time for be - tter - days to be here it's

Org.

C/F C Bb F C G Bb F C/F C

bass

S

A

B

time ti - i - ime its time time ti - i - ime its time

time time time time time time time time time

time time time time time time time time time

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Verse 7(Choir sings melody from beginning)

24

time that we moved yes it's time ye - e - ea - h

Org.

Bb F C G Bb F C/F C

bass

S

ti - i - ime its time time ti - i - ime its time

A

time time time It's time for free - dom — time for mo - ving — it's

B

time time time It's time for free - dom — time for mo - ving — it's

Verse 8 (choir sings melody)

28

Org.

Bb F C/F C Bb F C/F C Bb F

bass

S

ti - i - ime its time time ti - i - ime its time ti - i - ime its

A

time to be - gin yes it's time Time for all folk Time we loved them it time to - care yes it's

B

time to be - gin yes it's time Time for all folk Time we loved them it time to - care yes it's

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Verse 9 (choir sings melody)

33

Yea - ea - eah! for chil-dren to teach them

Org.

C G Bb F C/F C Bb F

bass

33

S

time time ti - i - ime its time ti - i - ime its

A

time Time for chil - dren — time to teach them — it's time it was free yes it's

B

time Time for chil - dren — time to teach them — it's time it was free yes it's

Verse 10 (choir sings melody)

37

don't you know that it's ti-i-ime yeah yeah lo-ving oh yes it's time

Org.

C/F C Bb F C/F C Bb F C G

bass

37

S

time time ti - i - ime its time ti - i - ime its time time

A

time Time for car ing — time for lov - ving it's time to - o move yes it's time

B

time Time for car ing — time for lov - ving it's time to - o move yes it's time

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42 Verse 11 (choir sings melody)

42 3

be - tter ye - e - eah ye - e - eah

Org.

Bb F C/F C Bb F C G

bass

S

ti - i - ime its time ti - i - ime it's time time

A

Time for be - tter - days to be here - it's time that we moved yes it's time

B

Time for be - tter - days to be here - it's time that we moved yes it's time

46 ENDING (choir sings melody, soloist/sops sings melody up on the Bb)

46

Time to stand u - up Time to shout out - Time! Time! Time! yes it's time Time to stand u - up

Org.

Bb F C/F C Bb F C G Bb F

bass

S

Time to stand u - up Time to shout out - Time! Time! Time! yes it's time Time to stand u - up

A

Time to stand u - up Time to shout out - Time! Time! Time! yes it's time Time to stand u - up

B

Time to stand u - up Time to shout out - Time! Time! Time! yes it's time Time to stand u - up

51

Time to shout out Time!Time! Time! yes it's time Time!Time!Time!yes it's time Time!Time!Time!yes it's time

51

Org.

C/F C Bb F C/F C Bb F C/F C Bb F C Bb F C

51

bass

51

S

Time to shout out Time!Time! Time! yes it's time

A

Time to shout out Time!Time! Time! yes it's time Time!Time!Time!yes it's time

B

Time to shout out Time!Time! Time! yes it's time Time!Time!Time!yes it's time

This famous song - which swept Gough Whitlam to government on the winds of change - was arranged and revived for the Gough Whitlam Memorial Concert at the Illawarra Folk Festival, January 2015. Gough died on October 21, 2014. Thousands mourned his death, and the death of the values his government represented.

<http://whitlamdismissal.com/government/its-time>

"It's Time" is arguably the most famous political slogan in Australian political history.

"It's time for a change" was the prevailing mood after 23 years of conservative government.

The slogan was also made into a song, and made into a famous television commercial featuring Australian television identities, actors and musicians.

The famous 1972 version (for the TV commercial) is in a different key to the original sheet music, and the soloist Allison McCallum sang it down an octave in the 'blues' register.

Allison McCallum was "a soul/blues stylist of considerable flair and passion."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alison_MacCallum

The 1972 version also uses slightly different lyrics to the versions found on the internet.

This version is transcribed from the famous 1972 recorded version, with the addition of the "Time to stand up, time to shout out" ending which was in the original lyric sheet but for some reason did not make it to the final recording.

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