

Coast Salish Anthem Performance Notes

(Chief Dan George Prayer Song) an authentic First Nations song of the Tseil wau-tuth, whose traditional territories we are on. The song is used with permission. The recording we will use is found on youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrzveOSwHZw>. This recording is sung by Gabriel George the grandson of Chief Dan George. We will sing it an octave higher than he does so that it is in an appropriate range for young voices. The tempo is very slow. We will take it a little faster than the recording with drum accompaniment. This is a chant. The words do not have meaning, they convey feeling. The song is meant to be meditative and grounding.