A Hymn to Brotherhood over the Ocean

2006 Arrangement by Jeff Ostrowski

This piece honors the Declaration of Independence and the establishment of the United States of America.

The piece begins with the English Patriotic tune "God save the King," which honors the king of England ("long may he reign"). However, when it reaches the words "may he defend our laws" the men break off and start the National Anthem of the United States of America (even as the founding fathers broke away when England ceased to defend our rights).

The last verse shows that England and the United States can still form a world-wide family:

Not in this land alone, But be God's mercies known, From shore to shore! Lord make the nations see, That men should brothers be, And form one family, The wide world over.

Credit for the mixture of tunes (à la Quodlibet) goes to Glenn Gould.







