

# Why Can't We?

Robbie Smith and Kathleen Glauser

Robbie Smith  
arr. Donna RhodenizerSwing the eighths gently ♩ = 106 *Freely, with whimsy*
5 *loco**gradual accelerando (bar 8-18)*

9 G

D<sub>sus</sub><sup>4</sup> D

13

17 G

♩ = 120

D<sub>sus</sub><sup>4</sup> D

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Duration: approx. 4:15

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21 **A** *mp* (unis) 3

Same gust o' wind ca - res-ses our hair. —

*mp* (unis) *mf*

Touch the same grass, — breathe the same air, — We

*mp*

25 *mf*

we do have a lot in com - mon. —

do, we do have a lot in com - mon. —

*mf*

G D

29 *mp* *mf*

Shed the same tears — day af-ter day, — We

*mp* *mf*

Walk the good earth — in the same kind-a way. — We

*mp*

G D G D

33

do, we do have a lot in com - mon. *f* So

*mf* *gva*

G *D*<sub>sus4</sub> D

37

B

*f* Why can't we just get a -

why can't we? Why can't we just get a -

*A loco* *f* *G*

41

long? Why can't we?

long? Why can't we?

D A

45

Why can't we just get a - long?\_\_\_\_\_

Why can't we just get a - long?\_\_\_\_\_

G D G

*mf*

50

D

*mp* *mf*

55

**C**

*mp* *mf*

Neath the same sky,\_\_\_\_\_ feel the same sun that shines in our eyes.\_\_\_\_ We

*mp* *mf*

Neath the same moon,\_\_\_\_\_ feel the same sun that shines in our eyes.\_\_\_\_ We

D

*mp*



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71 **D**

why can't we? Why can't we just get a -

**f**

**A** **G**

75

long? Why can't we?

**D** **A**

79

Why can't we just get a - long?

**G** **D** **G**

**mf**

84

D

*mp*

E

89

*mf* *f*

Got the same love\_\_ deep down in - side,\_\_ feel the same ebb\_\_ and flow of the tide.\_\_ We

*mf* *f*

Got the same love\_\_ deep down in - side,\_\_ feel the same ebb\_\_ and flow of the tide.\_\_ We

*mf*

93

do, we do have a lot in com - mon.\_\_

do, we do have a lot in com - mon.\_\_

G D

97

Feel the same joy, feel the same pain, We  
Go-in' in cir - cles a - gain and a - gain. We

G D G D

101

do, we do have a lot in com - mon. So  
do, we do have a lot in com - mon.

G D

105

why can't we? Why can't we just get a -  
why can't we just get a -

A G



109

long? \_\_\_\_\_ Why can't we? \_\_\_\_\_

long? \_\_\_\_\_ Why can't we? \_\_\_\_\_

D A

113

Why can't we just get a - long? \_\_\_\_\_

Why can't we just get a - long? \_\_\_\_\_

G D

117

***mf*** ***f***

Why? Tell me, why can't we just get a -

***mf*** ***f***

Why? Tell me, why? \_\_\_\_\_

G D

***mp*** ***mf***

121

long? \_\_\_\_\_ Why \_\_\_\_\_ can't we just get a -

We do have a lot in com - mon. \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* *mp*

G D

125

long? We do have a lot in com - mon. \_\_\_\_\_ Why can't we get a -

Why can't we get a -

*mp* *mp*

G D

129

long? We do have a lot in com - mon. \_\_\_\_\_

long? We do have a lot in com - mon. \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

G D

133 **molto rit.**

*ssa*

Why can't we? \_\_\_\_\_

Why can't we? \_\_\_\_\_

**molto rit.**

G D



**Donna Rhodenizer** is a composer, music educator, performer and recording artist. She has composed over 300 original compositions for singers of all ages, publishing choral octavos for adult choirs, and single titles and song collections for elementary students (in English and French). She has been commissioned to compose or arrange choral works for the Nova Scotia Music Educators' Association, Aeolian Singers of Halifax, Cantabile Singers, Annapolis Valley Honour Choir, and other choral ensembles. She has also composed over thirty works for violin and piano. Some of Donna's pieces are included in the Royal Conservatory of Music graded Voice Series published by Frederick Harris.

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This song is part of the **Robbie Songs Project**.

The folk-duo from Nova Scotia called "Naming the Twins", Robbie Smith and Kathleen Glauser, charmed listeners for over ten years before Robbie suddenly fell ill and passed away in 2019. Kathleen took up the challenge to have Robbie's best songs arranged for choirs by some of the finest choral composers in Canada. Assisted by the Nova Scotia Choral Federation and singers such as the Canadian Chamber Choir, the project has taken shape with over a dozen beautiful settings. If you like "Why Can't We" you will also love "Sing the Winter Away", "Angels in the Snow" and "Winter Awakening", among others. please visit [cypresschoral.com](http://cypresschoral.com) to study the collection.

