


# SEA, VOYAGES & HOPE

 bournemouth  
symphony orchestra

## **COPLAND Aaron- *The Tender Land Suite: The Promise of Living***

Aaron Copland originally wrote *The Tender Land* as an opera and in 1958 compiled the music into an orchestral suite. In the concert you will hear the finale of the orchestral suite called *The Promise of Living*.



### **Task:**

Listen to *The Tender Land Suite: Finale-The Promise of Living*, then read through the text below from the original opera and answer the following questions.

The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving

Is born of our loving our friends and our labour.

The promise of growing with faith and with knowing  
Is born of our sharing our love with our neighbour.  
The promise of living, the promise of growing  
Is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.  
For many a year we've known these fields  
And known all the work that makes them yield,  
Are you ready to lend a hand?  
We're ready to work, we're ready to lend a hand.  
By working together we'll bring in the harvest,  
the blessings of harvest.  
We plant each row with seeds of grain,  
And Providence sends us the sun and the rain,  
By lending a hand, By lending an arm  
Bring out, bring out from the farm,  
Bring out the blessings of harvest.  
Give thanks there was sunshine, give thanks there was rain,  
Give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain,  
O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful to the Lord for His blessing.  
The promise of ending in right understanding  
Is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbour  
The promise of living, the promise of growing,  
The promise of ending is labour and sharing and loving.

*Libretto by Horace Everett*

