

I Am Music (We Travel Entwined) by Emily Barden

Commissioned by Philharmonia Orchestra for the *Orchestra Unwrapped* 25/26 Concert Series

VERSE 1

It's time to celebrate,

Feel the music resonate

Raise our voices up in joyful song

We dance, we write, we play

New ideas every day

Join our party here we all belong

A mirror, a river, reflects and it flows

A bridge and a flower, connects and it grows

CHORUS

I am music, it lives inside me

My beating heart the rhythm to guide me

I am music, it lives beside me

**A soundtrack through time we travel
entwined**

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VERSE 2

It's time to celebrate

Feel the music resonate

From the past, to the future through today

We sing, we clap, we cheer (yeah!)

Everyone is welcome here

Music says the things we cannot say

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BRIDGE: Layered/echoed section with
highlighted instruments in the orchestra
having a call and response flourish...!:

**PART 1: Soaring strings, flying flutes,
blazing brass, rhythmic roots x 5**

**PART 2: as above but echo after 2 times
through**

**PART 3: Soaring strings, flying flutes,
blazing brass, rhythmic roots x 3.
Melodies that weave and spin, all the
stories held within**

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CODA: PART 1 and 3: A soundtrack x3

PART 2: We travel entwined x 3

ALL: We travel entwined (3 part harmony on
this last word 😊)