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6. Bend the Arc

Words & Music by Wendi Buck
Rosemount, MN | 2017

Marching (♩ = 88)

Leader: Echo:

C F C C F C

Melody

1. Bend the arc and break the ceil - ing, (*Bend the arc — and break the ceil - ing,*)

SA

1. Bend the arc — and break the ceil - ing,

TB

(continue alternation)

C F C C F C

Hu - man rights for hu - man be - ings! (*Hu - man rights for hu - man be - ings!*)

Hu - man rights for hu - man be - ings!

C F C C F C

Bend the arc and break the ceil - ing, (*Bend the arc — and break the ceil - ing,*)

Bend the arc — and break the ceil - ing,

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C F Dm C C F Dm/F C

Hu-man rights for hu-man be - ings! (Hu-man rights for hu-man be - ings!)

Hu-man rights for hu-man be - ings!

Together: Dm/F C Dm/F C F C

Bend the arc, — bend the arc! — [clap clap] Bend the arc, —

ENDING F C/E Dm Dm7/G C

bend the arc! — [clap clap] Bend the arc!

Lyric Suggestions: (or make up your own)

2. Hold out your hand and help another, (*echo*) / We were meant to help each other. (*echo*)
3. Get out the vote, make heard your voices, (*echo*) / In November we'll make choices! (*echo*)

Performance Suggestions:

- Invite the audience to repeat the Leader
- Stomp instead of clap, or alternate
- Improvisation encouraged!

Wendi writes: "It was hard to decide what to put on our signs for the Women's March on Washington; there were so many issues and so much that could be said. I decided that my issues could be boiled down to basic human rights for everyone. I love the quote attributed to Martin Luther King, Jr. about the arc of the moral universe bending toward justice, so I borrowed from that for my sign. As we marched, the words on my sign became a tune in my head, which became this song."

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