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Redesign Our Time - Program Note

Redesign Our Time was commissioned by The Canales Project's *Hear Her Song* initiative, which honors distinguished women leaders through new songs inspired by their words, written by female composers. The song was commissioned in partnership with Vital Voices, honoring Ariela Suster of the Sequence Collection, and her words set to poetry by Jacqueline Suskin.

With the song, I aimed to create a sense of honor and dignity while at the same time suggesting the ideal of hope and the importance of looking forward, as we redesign our time for current and future generations to come. I have always wanted to contribute to women's rights and equity, however never found the appropriate opportunity to do so organically and authentically. Thus the opportunity to write a song in honor of Suster for Vital Voices' 20th Anniversary and in collaboration with The Canales Project was a fitting platform.