

Bring Me Little Water, Silvy

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SSAB *a cappella* with Optional Percussion and/or Body Percussion

Words and Music by
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Musical notation for Soprano I, Soprano II, Alto, and Bass parts. Each part consists of a single note on a staff, with a diagonal line indicating the pitch contour.

With a rhythmic pulse (♩ = ca. 96)

All Voices

Musical notation for All Voices, measure 1. The staff shows a melodic line starting on a middle C and moving up to a G, then down to a C. The lyrics are "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy."

Musical notation for All Voices, measure 2. The staff shows a melodic line starting on a middle C and moving up to a G, then down to a C. The lyrics are "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter now."

Musical notation for All Voices, measure 3. The staff shows a melodic line starting on a middle C and moving up to a G, then down to a C. The lyrics are "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy,"

Musical notation for All Voices, measure 4. The staff shows a melodic line starting on a middle C and moving up to a G, then down to a C. The lyrics are "ev - 'ry lit - tle once in a while."

SI, SII *Add percussion and/or body percussion*

Musical notation for SI, SII, measure 1. The staff shows a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The lyrics are "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy."

Musical notation for A, measure 1. The staff shows a melodic line starting on a middle C and moving up to a G, then down to a C. The lyrics are "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy."

Musical notation for B, measure 1. The staff shows a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The lyrics are "Bring me, bring me a lit - tle wa - ter."

Performance time: ca. 2:30

*Also available: SATB (CGE25); SSAA (CGE27).

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Bring me lit - tle wa - ter now. _____

Bring me lit - tle wa - ter now. _____

Bring me, Sil - vy, lit - tle wa - ter now. Won't you

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Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy,

Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy,

bring me, bring me a lit - tle wa - ter

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ev - 'ry lit - tle once in a while. _____

ev - 'ry lit - tle once in a while. _____

ev - 'ry once in a while. _____

17 *Stop percussion and body percussion*

mf

Sil - vy come a - run - nin', buck - et in her

mf

Sil - vy come a - run - nin', buck - et in her

mf

I will bring a lit - tle wa - ter

mf

hand. I will bring a lit - tle wa - ter

mp

hand. Oo

fast as I, fast as I can.

fast as I, fast as I can.