

Bring Me Little Water, Sylvie

Carrick High School Choir
African American Spiritual
Huddie Leadbetter, arr. Moira Smiley

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Learning by rote!! YAY!

- Step 1: learn verse 1 words
- Step 2: learn verse 1 melody
- Step 3: learn verse 2 words
- Step 4: learn verse 2 alto 1 notes
- Step 5: learn chorus 1 words
- Step 6: learn chorus 1 alto 1 notes
- Step 7: learn chorus 2 words
- Step 8: learn chorus 2 alto 1 notes
- Step 9: discuss historical context/meaning of dialogue
- Step 10: add in humming at beginning
- Step 11: learn form of piece
- Step 12: put in soprano/alto 2 notes of verse 1 and 2
- Step 13: review form of piece
- Step 14: put in soprano/alto 2 notes of chorus 1 and 2
- Step 15: practice, practice, practice
- Step 16: learn body percussion
- Step 17: put in body percussion with song
- Step 18: add in swaying

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For SSAA + Body Percussion [EbM]

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A *Sing A with body percussion*

Sop 1
Sop 2 (Melody)
Alto 1
Alto 2

Bring me lit-tle wa - ter Sil vy... Bring me lit-tle wa - ter now Bring me lit-tle wa - ter
Bring it in a bu - cket Sil vy... Bring it in a bu - cket now Bring it in a bu - cket

B *Sing B with no body percussion*

S1
S2
A1
A2

Sil - vy Ev' ry lit-tle once in a while... Sil - vy come a run nin'... Bu - cket in my(her)
Sil - vy Ev' ry lit-tle once in a while... Can't you see me co min'. Can't you see me

S1
S2
A1
A2

hand I will bring a lit - tle wa - ter... fast... as I... can...
now I will bring a lit - tle wa - ter... Ev'-ry lit - tle once in a while...

Step 1: learn verse 1 words

T: "Bring me little water, Sylvie"

S: echo

T: do with each line

S: echo

T: put two lines together

S: echo

T: entire verse

S: echo

Bring me little water, Sylvie

Bring me little water now

Bring me little water, Sylvie

Every little once in a while

Step 2: Learn verse 1 melody

This is the melody that later becomes just the alto line, but we be what we learn together first.

BE SURE TO PICK THE KEY BEST FOR THE CHOIR. THE LOWEST NOTE IS A FOURTH BELOW THE STARTING PITCH (DO) IN ALTO II. THE HIGHEST NOTE IS A TWELTH ABOVE THE STARTING PITH (DO) IN SOPRANO.

I'm guessing Eb, E, or F.

T: Sing meaures 1 & 2 with words

S: echo

T: so this with all 8 measures

S: echo

T: Do measures 1-4, then 5-8

S: echo

T: All 8 measures

S: echo

Step 3: learn verse 2 words

T: "Bring it in a bucket, Sylvie"

S: echo

T: do with each line

S: echo

T: put two lines together

S: echo

T: entire verse

S: echo

Bring it in a bucket, Sylvie
Bring it in a bucket now
Bring it in a bucket, Sylvie
Every little once in a while

Step 4: Learn Verse 2 alto 1 notes

Eventually, this will have harmony, but for now, just learn the alto 1 part. But it's the same as before!

T: sing it
S: echo

This step should be easy, they've already learned this melody

Step 5: Learn Chorus 1 words

T: "Sylvie, come a runnin'"
S: echo

T: do with each line
S: echo

T: put two lines together
S: echo

T: entire verse
S: echo

Sylvie, come a runnin'
Bucket in my hand
I will bring a little water
Fast as I can

Step 9:

-Why aren't we using music for this?

Bring me little water, Sylvie
Bring me little water now
Bring me little water, Sylvie
Every little once in a while

Bring it in a bucket, Sylvie
Bring it in a bucket now
Bring it in a bucket, Sylvie
Every little once in a while

Sylvie, come a runnin'
Bucket in my hand
I will bring a little water
Fast as I can

Bring me little water, Sylvie
Bring me little water now
Bring me little water, Sylvie
Every little once in a while

Can't you see me comin'
Can't you see me now?
I will bring a little water
Every little once in a while

Bring me little water, Sylvie
Bring me little water now
Bring me little water, Sylvie
Every little once in a while

Every little once in a while
Every little once in a while