

No Roots

- Alice Merton -

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straight pop ♩ = 116

A

Soloist

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Body Percussion

stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

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No Roots 3
SolSATB + body percussion

B

10

Sol

I build a home and wait for _____ some - one to tear it down

S

da dl a dl a dl at

A

da dl a dl a dl at

T

da dl a dl a dl at

B

bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm_ bm

Perc.

stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

13

Sol

Then pack it up in bo - xes, head for the next town ru - nning

S

da dl a dl a dl

A

da dl a dl a dl

T

da dl a dl a dl

B

bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm bm_ bm

Perc.

stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

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No Roots 5

SolSATB + body percussion

D

21

Sol
thou - sand times. I've got no roots, but my home was

S
ah roots,

A
ha roots,

T
ha roots,

B
ha bm bm bm bm

Perc.
snap snap snap snap stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

24

Sol
ne - ver on the ground, I've got no roots, but my home was

S
roots,

A
roots,

T
roots,

B
bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm

Perc.
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

No Roots 7

SolSATB + body percussion

32

Sol
ne - ver on the ground, I've got no roots, but my home was

S
I've got no roots,

A
I've got no roots,

T
I've got no roots,

B
bm bm bm bm___ bm bm bm bm___ bm

Perc.
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

34

Sol
ne - ver on the ground, I've got no roots, I've got no

S
da dl a dl a dl at I've got no

A
da dl a dl a dl at I've got no

T
da dl a dl a dl at I've got no

B
bm bm bm bm___ bm bm bm bm___ bm bm bm___ bm

Perc.
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

No Roots 9
SolSATB + body percussion

43

Sol
But I've got me - mo ries and tra - vel like gyp - sies in the night

S

A
mmh

T
mmh

B
bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm

Perc.
stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

46

Sol
I count gates and num - bers

S
da dl a dl a dl at doo doo dood

A
mmh da dl a dl a dl at doo doo dood

T
mmh da dl a dl a dl at bm bm bm bm

B
bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm

Perc.
stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

G

No Roots 11

SolSATB + body percussion

H

53

Sol: And a thou - sand times I've

S: doo_ doo dood doo_ doo doo doo_ doo hoo_

A: doo_ doo dood doo_ doo doo doo_ doo hoo_

T: bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm hoo_

B: bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm hoo_

Perc.: stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

I

56

Sol: seen this road, a thou - sand times. I've got no roots, but my home was

S: oh_ a thou - sand times roots,

A: a thou - sand times roots,

T: a thou - sand times roots, bm bm bm_ bm

B: a thou - sand times bm bm bm bm_ bm

Perc.: snap snap snap snap stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

No Roots 13
SolSATB + body percussion

J

65

Sol
roots I've got no roots, but my home was

S
roots, bm bm bm_ bm

A
roots, bm bm bm_ bm

T
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm roots, bm bm bm_ bm

B
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm bm_ bm

Perc.
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

68

Sol
ne - ver on the ground, I've got no roots, but my home was

S
bm bm bm bm_ bm roots, bm bm bm_ bm

A
bm bm bm bm_ bm roots, bm bm bm_ bm

T
bm bm bm bm_ bm roots, bm bm bm_ bm

B
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm bm_ bm

Perc.
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

No Roots 15
SolSATB + body percussion

76

Sol
Hi - ding things in - side them When I grow old I won't for - get to find them

S
Hi - ding things in - side them When I grow old I won't for - get to find them

A
Hi - ding things in - side them When I grow old I won't for - get to find them

T
Hi - ding things in - side them When I grow old I won't for - get to find them

B

Perc.
stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

79

Sol
I like di - gging holes Hi - ding things in - side them When I grow old

S
I like di - gging holes Hi - ding things in - side them When I grow old

A
I like di - gging holes Hi - ding things in - side them When I grow old

T
I like di - gging holes Hi - ding things in - side them When I grow old

B
I like di - gging holes Hi - ding things in - side them When I grow old

Perc.
clap stomp clap stomp clap stomp clap clap stomp clap stomp clap clap stomp clap stomp

No Roots 17
SolSATB + body percussion

88

Sol
roots, I've got no roots

S
roots I'VE GOT NO

A
at I'VE GOT NO

T
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm I'VE GOT NO bm bm bm_ bm

B
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm

Perc.
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

[M]

91

Sol
I've got no roots, but my home was ne- ver on the ground, I've got no

S
roots, done done done done done done done done no

A
roots, done done done done done done done done no

T
bm bm bm bm_ bm roots, done done done done done done done done no

B
bm bm bm bm_ bm roots, done done done done done done done done no

Perc.
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

Vowels, Scat and Percussive Sounds

OO	as in	Shoe
OH		Show
OW		Cow
E		Her
EH		Get
AH		Car
A		Tap
AI		My
EE		Me
I		Dip
U		tongue

Standardise wow , woa, woah to Whoa

Diphthongs in English are not written so:

Oh not Ohw etc.

Scat:

Single letters are harder to understand than if a vowel is associated e.g.

'Doo ba doo' or 'doo be doo' easier to read than 'doo b doo'

'Dum' or 'doom' perhaps easier than 'dm' . 'Dung' easier than 'dng' etc.

Be careful using single voiced consonants - without a vowel they make no sound at all.

Voiced

A simple explanation of voiced consonants is that they use the voice. This is easy to test by putting your finger on your throat. If you feel a vibration, the consonant is voiced.

b(e)

d(e)

th (as in the)

v(e)

l(e)

r(e)

z(e)

j (as in Jane)

g(e)

m(e)

n(e)

(i)ng

w(e)

y (as in yellow)