

No Roots

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straight pop ♩ = 116

A

Soloist

Soprano I

Soprano II

Alto I

Alto II

Body Percussion

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

No Roots 3
SolSSAA + body percussion

B

10

Sol

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

S I

da dl a dl a dl at

S II

da dl a dl a dl at

A I

da dl a dl a dl at

A II

bm 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 'Cause I've got me - mo - ries and

S I

da dl a dl a dl at

S II

da dl a dl a dl at

A I

da dl a dl a dl at

A II

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

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No Roots 5
SolSSAA + body percussion

D
23

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

S I
roots, roots,

S II
roots, roots,

A I
roots, roots,

A II
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 stomp clap stomp

26

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

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

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

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

A II
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 stomp clap stomp

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No Roots 7

SolSSAA + body percussion

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

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

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

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

A II
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 stomp clap stomp

F

37

Sol
roots I like stan - ding still, boy

S I

S II
mmh

A I
mmh

A II
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm

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

No Roots 9
SolSSAA + body percussion

G

46

Sol
I ___ count gates and num - bers ___ and play the gue - ssing game

S I
da dl a dl a dl at bm bm bm ___ bm bm bm bm ___ bm

S II
mmh ___ da dl a dl a dl at doo ___ doo dood doo ___ doo doo doo ___ doo

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

A II
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

49

Sol
It's just the place that chan - ges, the rest is still the same ___

S I
bm bm bm bm ___ bm bm bm bm ___ bm

S II
doo ___ doo dood doo ___ doo doo da dl a dl a dl

A I
doo ___ doo dood doo ___ doo doo da dl a dl a dl

A II
bm bm bm bm ___ bm bm bm bm ___ bm

Perc.
stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

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No Roots 11

SolSSAA + body percussion

I

57

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

S I
thou - sand times roots, bm bm bm bm

S II
thou - sand times roots,

A I
thou - sand times roots,

A II
thou - sand times bm bm bm bm

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

60

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

S I
bm bm bm bm roots, bm bm bm

S II
roots,

A I
roots,

A II
bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm

Perc.
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

No Roots 13
SolSSAA + body percussion

68

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

S I
bm bm bm bm roots, bm bm bm

S II
bm bm bm bm roots, bm bm bm

A I
bm bm bm bm roots, bm bm bm

A II
bm bm bm bm bm bm bm bm

Perc.
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

70

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

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

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

A I
bm bm bm I've got no roots, I've got no

A II
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 15
SolSSAA + body percussion

79

Sol
I ___ like di - gging holes___ Hi - ding things in - side them When I___ grow old___

S I
I ___ like di - gging holes___ Hi - ding things in - side them When I___ grow old___

S II
I ___ like di - gging holes___ Hi - ding things in - side them When I___ grow old___

A I
I ___ like di - gging holes___ Hi - ding things in - side them When I___ grow old___

A II
I ___ like di - gging holes___ Hi - ding things in - side them When I___ grow old___

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

82

Sol
I won't for - get to find___ them I'VE GOT NO ROOTS but my home was **L**

S I
I won't for - get to find___ them I'VE GOT NO ROOTS

S II
I won't for - get to find___ them I'VE GOT NO ROOTS bm ba ba ba bao

A I
I won't for - get to find___ them I'VE GOT NO ROOTS bm ba ba ba bao

A II
I won't for - get to find___ them I'VE GOT NO ROOTS bm ba ba ba bao

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

almost shouted

No Roots 17

SolSSAA + body percussion

M

90

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

S I
roots, done done done done

S II
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm roots, done done done done

A I
roots, done done done done

A II
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm roots, done done done done

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

93

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

S I
done done done done_ no roots, done done done_ done

S II
done done done done_ no roots, done done done_ done

A I
done done done done_ no roots, done done done_ done

A II
done done done done_ no roots, done done done_ done

Perc.
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)