

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_ bm

Perc.

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

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,

S II
roots,

A I
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

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

No Roots 7
SolSSAA + body percussion

34

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

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

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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 ___ 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

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

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

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

almost shouted [L]

82

Sol

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

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

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 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 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)