

# No Roots

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straight pop ♩ = 116

A

Soloist

Tenor I

Tenor II

Bass I

Bass II

Body Percussion

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

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No Roots 3  
SolTTBB + body percussion

**B**

10

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

T I  
da dl a dl a dl at

T II  
da dl a dl a dl at

B I  
da dl a dl a dl at

B 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

13

Sol  
Then pack it up in boxes, head for the next town ru - ning

T I  
da dl a dl a dl

T II  
da dl a dl a dl

B I  
da dl a dl a dl

B 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 5

SolTTBB + body percussion

D

22

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

T I: roots,

T II: roots,

B I: roots,

B II: bm bm bm bm\_ bm bm bm bm\_ bm

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

25

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

T I: roots, da dl a dl a dl at

T II: roots, da dl a dl a dl at

B I: roots, da dl a dl a dl at

B 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

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# No Roots 7

SolTTBB + body percussion

34

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

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

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

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

B 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

37

Sol  
roots \_\_\_\_\_ I like stan - ding still, boy \_\_\_\_\_

T I  
mmh \_\_\_\_\_

T II  
mmh \_\_\_\_\_

B I  
mmh \_\_\_\_\_

B 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

**F**

No Roots 9  
SolTTBB + body percussion

G

46

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

T I  
da dl a dl a dl at doo \_\_\_ doo dood doo \_\_\_ doo doo doo \_\_\_ doo

T II  
mmh \_\_\_ da dl a dl a dl at doo \_\_\_ doo dood doo \_\_\_ doo doo doo \_\_\_ doo

B I  
mmh \_\_\_ da dl a dl a dl at bm bm bm \_\_\_ bm bm bm bm \_\_\_ bm

B 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 \_\_\_ But I've \_\_\_ got me - mo ries \_\_\_ and

T I  
doo \_\_\_ doo dood doo \_\_\_ doo doo da dl a dl a dl at doo \_\_\_ doo dood

T II  
doo \_\_\_ doo dood doo \_\_\_ doo doo da dl a dl a dl at doo \_\_\_ doo dood

B I  
bm bm bm bm \_\_\_ bm bm bm bm \_\_\_ bm bm bm bm \_\_\_ bm

B 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 11

SolTTBB + body percussion

**I**  
59

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

T I  
roots, roots,

T II  
roots, roots,

B I  
roots, bm bm bm\_ bm bm bm bm bm\_ bm roots, bm bm bm\_ bm

B II  
bm 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

62

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

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

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

B I  
bm bm bm bm\_ bm bm bm bm bm\_ bm bm I've got no

B II  
bm 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

No Roots 13  
SolTTBB + body percussion

70

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

T I  
bm bm bm da dl a dl a dl at bm bm bm\_ bm bm I've got no

T II  
bm bm bm I've got no roots, I've got no

B I  
bm bm bm da dl a dl a dl at bm bm bm\_ bm bm I've got no

B II  
bm 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 stomp clap stomp

73

Sol  
roots, I like di - gging holes

T I  
roots, I like di - gging holes

T II  
roots, I like di - gging holes

B I  
roots, I like di - gging holes

B II  
bm bm bm bm\_ bm bm bm bm\_ bm

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

K

# No Roots 15

SolTTBB + body percussion

*almost shouted*



82

Sol  
I won't for - get to find\_ them I'VE GOT NO ROOTS but my home was

T I  
I won't for - get to find\_ them I'VE GOT NO ROOTS

T II  
I won't for - get to find\_ them I'VE GOT NO ROOTS bm ba ba ba bao

B I  
I won't for - get to find\_ them I'VE GOT NO ROOTS bm ba ba ba bao

B 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

85

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

T I  
no\_\_\_\_\_ roots, oh

T II  
bm bm bm bm\_\_\_\_\_ bm roots, bm bm bm\_\_\_\_\_ bm

B I  
bm bm bm bm\_\_\_\_\_ bm bm bm bm bm\_\_\_\_\_ bm

B II  
bm bm bm bm\_\_\_\_\_ bm bm bm bm bm\_\_\_\_\_ bm

Perc.  
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

# No Roots 17

SolTTBB + body percussion

93

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

T I  
done done done done no roots, done done done done done done done I've got no

T II  
done done done done no roots, done done done done done done done I've got no

B I  
done done done done no roots, done done done done done done done done no

B II  
done done done done no roots, done done done done done done done done no

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

96

Sol  
roots, I've got no roots, NO

T I  
roots, I've got no roots, NO

T II  
roots, done done done done done I've got no roots, NO

B I  
roots, done done done done done I've got no roots, NO

B II  
roots, done done done done done I've got no roots, bm bm bm\_ bm bm bm bm NO

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

### Voiceless

Voiceless consonants do not use the voice. They are percussive and use hard sounds. Once again, you can test if a consonant is voiceless by putting your finger on your throat. You will feel no vibration in your throat, just a short explosion of air as you pronounce. Pronounce each of these consonant sounds and feel NO vibration in your throat.

p Makes hardly any sound without 'e' or other vowel

t

k

s

sh

ch

th (as in thing) Again hardly any sound without vowel)

f

h

Possible notation for open high hat - 'ts'

Closed high hat - 't'

Bass drum - 'um' closed mouth

MM for humming sound