

No Roots

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straight pop ♩ = 116

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Soloist

Tenor I

Tenor II

Bass I

Bass II

Body Percussion

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

I like di - gg ing holes and

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 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 - nning

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 bm

Perc.

stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

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

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

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No Roots 9
SolTTBB + body percussion

46 **G**

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

T I
8 da dl a dl a dl at doo doo dood doo doo doo doo

T II
8 mmh da dl a dl a dl at doo doo dood 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 bm

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

49

Sol
8 It's just the place that chan - ges, the rest is still the same But I've got me - mo ries and

T I
8 doo doo dood doo doo doo da dl a dl a dl at doo doo dood

T II
8 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 bm

B 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 11
SolTTBB + body percussion

I
59

Sol
8
roots, but my home was ne - ver on the ground, I've got no roots, but my home was

T I
8
roots, roots,

T II
8
roots, roots,

B I
8
roots, bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm bm_ bm roots, bm bm bm_ bm

B II
8
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm

Perc.
8
stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp stomp clap stomp

62

Sol
8
ne - ver on the ground, I've got no roots, I've got no

T I
8
da dl a dl a dl at I've got no

T II
8
da dl a dl a dl at I've got no

B I
8
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm bm_ bm bm I've got no

B II
8
bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm bm_ bm bm bm bm_ bm

Perc.
8
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

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

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No Roots 15
SolTTBB + body percussion

82 *almost shouted* **L**

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 stomp clap

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

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