

# No Roots

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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

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

Perc.

stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp stomp

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 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 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  
8  
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  
8  
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 stomp clap stomp clap stomp

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# No Roots 17

SolSATB + body percussion

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Sol  
roots, \_\_\_\_\_ I've got no roots \_\_\_\_\_

S  
roots \_\_\_\_\_ I'VE GOT NO

A  
at \_\_\_\_\_ I'VE GOT NO

T  
8  
bm bm bm bm\_ bm bm I'VE GOT NO bm 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  
8  
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)