



Now Hear The
Word of the Lord!

for Mixed Choir a capella

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(dur. app. 2:55)

Throughout this piece, the "s" sound at the end of the word "bones" should be utilized to provide a percussive sound. Use this to imitate the percussive quality of a set of top-hat cymbals.

American Spiritual

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$\text{♩} = 136$, happily, with a 'big-band swing'

mf

Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo

mf

Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones! Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo

Detailed description: This system contains two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves are in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The tempo is marked as 136 bpm, 'happily, with a big-band swing'. The first vocal line starts with a rest for two measures, then sings 'Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo' with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment begins in the first measure with a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second vocal line continues the melody with 'Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones! Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo'.

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4

-bones 'n bones! Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones! now!

-bones 'n bones! Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones! now!

7

Hear the Word of the Lord!

Hear the Word of the Lord, you know dem Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo-

Soprano
Alto
Tenor on the G clef, please

go immediately to the
"m" in "dem", throughout, please.

10

mf

Dem

- bones 'n bones! E - ze-kiel saw the val-ley o' bones! _____ all dem

13

bones, dem bones, dem dry_ bones, dem bones, dem bones dem,

Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo - bones'n bones! Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo

16 *f*

dry— bones, dem bones, dem bones, dem dry— bones! Now

- bones 'n bones! O Lord-y! Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo - bones 'n bones! Now

19 *mp, leggiero*

hear the Word of the Lord! _____ Dem bones, dem bones, dem

hear the Word of the Lord! Hal - le - lu jah! Lord y Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo

22

dry_ bones, dem bones, dem bones, dem dry_ bones, dem

- bones 'n bones! Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo - bones 'n bones! O Lord-y!

25

bones, dem bones, dem dry_ bones! Now hear the Word of the

Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo - bones 'n bones! Now hear the Word of the

f

Tenors back to the
F clef, please

28

Lord!

Lord! O! My Lord, you know the footbone connect-ed to the an - kle bone; the

31

the shinbone connect-ed to the

an-kle bone connect-ed to the shin a-bone, the shinbone connect-ed to the

34 *f* S
S
A *mp*

knee bone! Now hear the word of the Lord! The

knee bone! Now hear the word of the Lord, the Lord!

37 *mf*

knee bone con-nect-ed to the thigh bone, the thigh bone con-nect-ed to the

40

hip bone, the hip bone con-nect-ed to the back bone! Now

43

f

Tenor back to G clef, please

mf

hear the Word of the Lord! Dem bones, dem bones, dem

Lord! Hal - le - lu - jah, Lord-y *Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo*

46

dry— bones, dem bones, dem bones, dem dry— bones, dem

- bones 'n bones! Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo - bones 'n bones! O Lord- y!

49

f

bones, dem bones, dem dry— bones! Now hear the Word of the

Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo - bones 'n bones! Now hear the Word of the

Tenors back to F clef, please.

52 *fp*

Lord! You know the back bone connect-ed to the

Lord! O! My Lord, you know the back bone connect-ed to the

54 *mp*

shoul-der bone, the shoul-der bone connect-ed to the

shoul-der bone, you know the shoul-der bone connect-ed to the

56 *mf*

neck bone, the neck bone connect - ed to the
neck bone, don't you know the neck bone connect - ed to the

58

head bone! Now hear the Word of the
hard head - ed bone - a Now!

60 *f*

Lord! You *know* dem bones, dem bones, dem
Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo -

62

dry bones, dem bones, dem bones, dem
- bones 'n bones! Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo -

64

dry _____ bones, dem bones, dem bones, dem

- bones 'n bones! O Lord - y! Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo -

66

dry _____ bones! Now hear the Word of the

- bones 'n bones! Now

68 *ff*

Lord! You know dem bones, dem bones, dem

70

dry bones, dem bones, dem bones, dem

72

dry bones, dem bones dem bones, dem

74

dry bones!

dry bones, you know dem bones 'n dem bones!

76

mf

Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones!

This block contains the musical notation for measures 76 and 77. It features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in measure 76 and then sings the lyrics "Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones!" in measure 77. The piano accompaniment provides a rhythmic and harmonic foundation for the vocal line.

78

Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones!

Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones!

This block contains the musical notation for measures 78 and 79. It features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins in measure 78 with the lyrics "Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones!". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic and harmonic pattern to the previous measures.

80

Bones 'n bones 'n bones, bo - bones 'n bones! now!

Now

82

Hear the Word of the

Hear, O won't you hear the Word, Word of the Lord!_

84

Lord! *the*

Bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bo - bones 'n bones and

fff

86

Lord! *(dh!)*

bones 'n bones 'n bones 'n bones! (ntzah!)

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