

Bring Me a Little Water, Sylvie

trad (Leadbelly)

♩ = 70

Soprano

mp

Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter, Syl-vie. Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter now.

Baritone

mp

5

S

Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter, Syl-vie. Ev-ry lit-tle once in a-while.

B

9

S

Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter, Syl-vie. Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter now.

B

13

S

Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter, Syl-vie. Ev-ry lit-tle once in a-while.

B

Bring Me a Little Water, Sylvie

2
17

S
Bring it in a buck - et, Syl - vie. Bring it in a buck - et now.

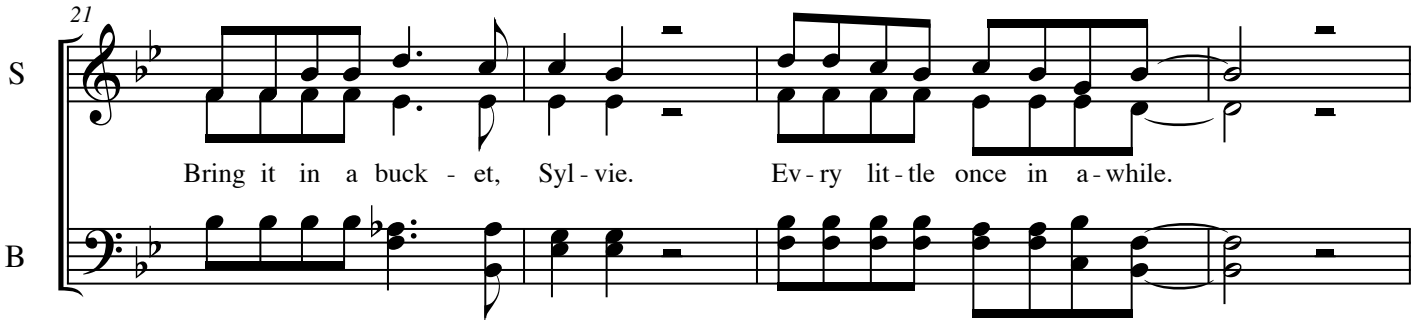
B



21

S
Bring it in a buck - et, Syl - vie. Ev - ry lit - tle once in a - while.


B



solo Syl - vie come a - run - in' buck - et in her hand.

S
mf
p (ooh)

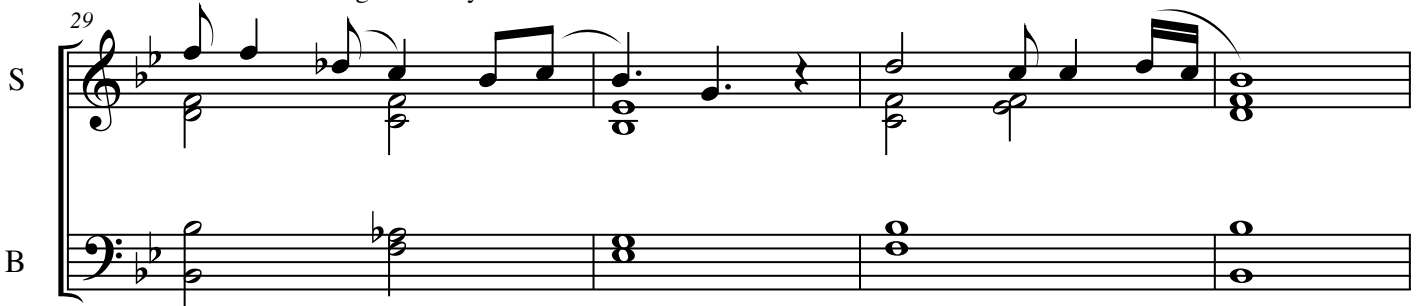
B
p



I will bring you wa - ter fast as I can.

S

B



33

S
mp

B
mp

Bring me a lit - tle wa - ter, Syl - vie. Bring me a lit - tle wa - ter now.



37

S

B

Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter, Syl-vie. Ev-ry lit-tle once in a-while.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 37 through 40. The Soprano part (S) is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats. It features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, and rests. The Bass part (B) is written in a bass clef and provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: "Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter, Syl-vie. Ev-ry lit-tle once in a-while."

41

S

mf solo I will bring you wa ter I will bring it now

p (ooh)

B

p

Detailed description: This system contains measures 41 through 44. The Soprano part (S) begins with a "solo" instruction and a dynamic marking of *mf*. The lyrics are: "I will bring you wa ter I will bring it now". The Bass part (B) has a dynamic marking of *p* and includes a vocalization "(ooh)".

45

S

I will bring you wa - ter - ev-ry lit-tle once in a while.

B

Detailed description: This system contains measures 45 through 48. The Soprano part (S) continues the melody with the lyrics: "I will bring you wa - ter - ev-ry lit-tle once in a while." The Bass part (B) provides accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

49

S

mp Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter, Syl-vie. Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter now.

B

mp

Detailed description: This system contains measures 49 through 52. The Soprano part (S) has a dynamic marking of *mp* and the lyrics: "Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter, Syl-vie. Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter now." The Bass part (B) also has a dynamic marking of *mp* and provides accompaniment.

53

S

Bring me a lit-tle wa - ter, Syl-vie. Ev-ry lit-tle once in a-while.

B

57

S

Ev-ry lit-tle once in a-while. Ev-ry lit-tle once in a while.

B

slowly

Stylistic notes:

1. the “a” in “Bring me a little water” should be passed over quickly, as if it’s part of the word “me” — almost not audible
2. “little” should be pronounced “liddle” — d instead of t
3. “water” is the same: d not t
4. Linger a bit on the word “water” — imagine you’re working all day in the hot fields, and what you desire most is just a little water to help you keep going.