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## Playing Instructions

Soprano:

- Rhythmized spoken words (page 3) :

Speak the words as naturally as possible (don't declare the poems), but keep the rhythm as written

- Words written without rhythm (page 9) :

Speak the words as naturally as possible

- Glissandos :

All glissandos starts immediately

Guitar:

- Grace notes:

Play all grace notes as fast as possible

≈ : repeat previous figure x number of times

L.V. : let sound

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Score

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23

Sop. *ba - s Tuds weer go-in duh SI-VIL-EYE zum* *mf* *Sup-pose*

Gtr. *p* *pp* *mf*

27

Sop. *Love is more thi-cker-than for - get All-though*

Gtr. *9 5 L.V.* *1 3 4 2* *5* *3 4 1*

30

Sop. *all the words have not yet been writ - ten*

Gtr. *1 3 4* *3* *3* *3* *3 4 1*

32

Sop. *All - though all the songs have been*

Gtr. *pp* *mf* *6* *5 L.V.*

33

Sop. *sung (ng)* *a tempo*

Gtr. *4 5 6* *6* *rit.* *rit.*

35

Sop. *sup-pose life is an old man car-ry-ing flo-wers*

Gtr. *12 9 L.V.* *9 3 7 L.V.* *3*

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38

Sop.

on his flo-wers on his head All-though

38

Gtr.

41

Sop.

Sop.

44

Although all the plots have been worked —

Gtr.

44

protected

47 Sop.   
All the waves have not yet come in Although

47 Gtr. 

50

Sop.

All-though the sur - fers have sur-fed e - very - where -

50

Gtr.

52

Sop.

—

All the ci - garrettes have not ye - et — been

52

Gtr.

- Suppose, Although -

6 Sop. 55 *Whisper:* ④  
 — smoked all-though ma-ny are dead al-rea-dy  
 Gtr. 55 Damp strings ⑤ ④ *mf*

Gtr. 60 3

Gtr. 62 ⑤ ④ *mf*

Gtr. 65 *sonore* 5 12

Gtr. 69 7 12

Gtr. 74 L.V. ⑤ ⑥ *sonore*

Gtr. 77

82 Sop. ⑤ *ppp* M - - - *mf* - - - who knows if the moon's a bal-loo -  
 82 Gtr. s.p. *sonore*

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87 Sop. *n - - - n n Frank tried to sing*

87 Gtr.

89 Sop. *Whisper:*  
Moon ri-ver but, It's An-dy Wil-li-ams-s song e-veryone tries to

89 Gtr.

92 Sop. *sing - ng San Fran-cisco - o - o but, That belong to To-ny*

92 Gtr.

95 Sop. *Ben-nett Everyone else tries to sing ng*

95 Gtr.

99 Sop. *ng pp My way but, that's Frank's - s -*

99 Gtr.

103 Sop. *s p Suppose*

103 Gtr. *let ring mf*

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107

Sop. *mf* Spring is like a perhaps hand which comes care-ful-ly out of no-where

Gtr.

109

Sop. arranging a win-dow in-to which — pe -

Gtr.

111

Sop. ople stare — ar - ran - ging and chang - ing — plac - ing ar-ran -

Gtr.

113

Sop. ging and chang - ing plac - ing ar-ran - ging and chang-ing plac-ing

Gtr.

115

Sop. care - ful-ly there a strange - thing — and — a known —

Gtr.

117

Sop. — thing — here — and chang - ing e - very

Gtr.

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119

Sop. thing care - ful-ly

Gtr.

121

Sop. ar-ran-ging and chang-ing plac-ing ar-ran-ging and chang-ing plac-

Gtr.

123

Sop. - ing ar-ran-ging and chang-ing plac-ing

Gtr.

125

Sop. chang-ing e-very thing care-ful-ly

Gtr.

127

Sop. Spoken : to start, to hesitate; to stop

Gtr. stop playing, L.V.

poco á poco rit.

132

Sop. and then to slowly trust T upon H, and smile

Gtr.

sup-pose all-though

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10 (7)

Sop. *whisper: not everyone will listen*

all the thoughts have been thought all-though

138

Gtr.

141

Sop. all the dogs have barked

141

Gtr.

144

Sop. and a - ll of the lo - vers have — screamed

144

Gtr.

146

Sop. all the pict - ures have been — ta - ken all - though all the pain-tings — have

146

Gtr.

149

Sop. — not yet been — pain - ted all — of the —

149

Gtr.

152

Sop. ba - bies — have

152

Gtr. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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155

Sop. cried all-though all of the

Gtr.

158

Sop. chil - dren have not yet

Gtr.

161 *poco à poco rit.*

Sop. been born

Gtr. L.V.

164 *a tempo* ♩ = 70

Sop. *p* These

Gtr.

8 *calmo é espressivo, very freely*

Sop. *mp* chil - dren sing - ing in stone a silence of stone

Gtr. 5 9 7 7 3

*mf*

177

Sop. these chil - dren wound with stone flow - ers o - pening for - e -

Gtr. s.p. ord.

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12  
184

Sop.

ver these sí-lent-ly lit - tle chil - dren are

Gtr.

192

Sop.

pe-tals there song is a flow - er of al-ways their

Gtr.

192 s.p.

199

Sop.

flow - ers of stone are sí-lent-ly sing - ing a song

Gtr.

199 5 9 7 5 3

205

Sop.

more sí lent than sí - lence these al-ways

Gtr.

205 5 9 7 5

211

Sop.

chil - dren for - e - ver sing - ing wreath-ed with sing -

Gtr.

211 5 9 7

218

Sop.

ing blos-soms chil - dren of stone with blos-som-ming eyes

Gtr.

218 9 5 5 3 s.p.

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223

Sop. know if a lit - tle tree lis-tens for - e - ver

223

Gtr.

230

Sop. to al - ways chil - dren sing - ing for - e - ver

230

Gtr.

237

Sop. a song made of sil - ent as stone sil - ence

237

Gtr. s.p.

244

Sop. of song.

244

Gtr.

9

Walking slowly out of the stage while singing

Sop. *pp* sup-pose life is an old man car-ry-ing flo-wers on his flo-wers on his

247

Gtr.

250

Sop. head sup-pose life is an old man car-ry-ing flo-wers on his head sup-pose

250

Gtr.