

Dedicated to The Lovett School choral students

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Silver Rain

Langston Hughes (1901–67)

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Sprinkling, like rain ♩. = 54

CELLO *mf*

SOPRANO 1
SOPRANO 2

ALTO

PIANO *mf*

4

7

Unison
S. 1/S. 2
Alto

mf

(1 2 3) In time of sil - ver rain
t d r t d r

Duration: 3 mins

10

Unison

— Nih (4 5) the earth puts forth new life a-gain, Nih green

r m e, e, s, e, t e, m

13

Unison

1 2 3 (4 5) 1 2 3 4 5 6

grass-es grow and flow - ers lift their heads,

m e, e, e, d t e, d t,

16

Unison

1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 (4 5)

in time of sil - ver rain, Nih and

e, t d e, t d e,

19

S1
S. 1/S. 2
S2

o - ver all the plain (45) the won-der spreads,

S f m r m m m f f mf

A.

1 2 3 It m

22

S1
S2

it d spreads, si of

f f m

A

spreads, it l m spreads, m of

f

25

S1
S2

life, of life,

d t m l

f

A

m life, r of m m life, m

28

S1

S2

A

of m life, of m

of m life, of m

31

S1

S2

A

life! In time of

life! In time of

unis. ~~one of the~~

b a r t a r

34

S1/S2

A

mf ~~we need~~ 1 2 3 4 5 6

sil - ver rain. → Nin

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mf

37

Handwritten numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 are written above the vocal staff.

40

Handwritten notes: *mf*, 5, 1 2 3.

Lyrics: In time of sil - ver rain.

43

Handwritten notes: *S1/32*, N h, r, *mf*, s, m, r, t, d, l.

Lyrics: the but-ter-flies lift silk - en

46

51/52

wings_____ to catch a rain - bow_____

A wings_____ to catch a rain - bow_____

q *f* *m* *m* *f* *m*

s *f* *m* *m* *f* *m*

49

$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} 2 \frac{1}{2} 3 = 1 \frac{1}{2} 3$

51/52

cry,_____ and trees put forth new leaves_____ to sing,_____

A cry,_____ and trees put forth new leaves_____ to sing,_____

d *r* *m* *f* *s* *f* *m* *f* *s*

d *r* *m* *r* *d* *r* *m*

52

51/52

cresc. and trees put forth new leaves_____ to sing,_____ to sing,_____ sing in

A and trees put forth new leaves_____ to sing,_____ to sing,_____ sing in

f *cresc.* *s* *q* *q* *s* *f* *s* *q* *t* *q* *s* *r* *d* *t*

r *m* *f* *f* *m* *r* *m* *f* *f* *s* *f* *m* *t* *e* *s*

cresc.

55

S1
S2

joy be - neath the sky

A

joy be - neath the sky

59

Small group

S1
S2

of life,

A

of life,

62

S1
S2

of life, of

A

of life, of

Handwritten musical score for "The Lord's Prayer" by J. S. Bach, measures 65-67. The score includes staves for Soprano 1 (S1), Soprano 2 (S2), Alto (A), and Piano (P). The lyrics are "d' life, t of m f life!" for S1 and S2, and "l life, s of m m life!" for A. The piano accompaniment features a continuous eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a dotted half-note pattern in the left hand.

68

mf

unis.

S

m

t d r t d r

In time of sil-ver rain,

A

mf

t d r t d r

In time of sil-ver rain,

mf

72

75

78

mp

mp *m*

mp

mp

* From bar 78 to the end, singers should snap their fingers to emulate the sound of rainfall, continuing during the final pause.