

The Missouri Coteau

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2014 Saskatchewan Youth Choir, Stewart Wilkinson conductor.

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Easy lilt ♩ = 84

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

mf

Sure good to see ol'

mf

Sure good to see ol'

mf

4

S

A

T

B

Piano

Henk a - gain rid - in' with our crew, a -

Henk a - gain rid - in' with our crew, a -

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S

A

T

B

long — the trail on the big co - teau; Bin years — since he was

10

S

A

T

B

through. He left here for the ro - de - o, then

through. He left here for the ro - de - o, then

mp

mp

mp

mp

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13

S
ooo

A
took up ten - din' bar; and liv - in' the life of a

T
took up ten - din' bar; and liv - in' the life of a

B
ooo

16

poco rit.

S
ooo But there's

A
vag - a - bond with a ban - jo and gui - tar. But there's

T
vag - a - bond with a ban - jo and gui - tar. But there's

B
ooo

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A

bit slower ♩ = 76

S
heav - y lines a - cross his face and his eyes seem kind - a dull, as

A
heav - y lines a - cross his face and his eyes seem kind - a dull, as

T
heav - y lines a - cross his face and his eyes seem kind - a dull, _____

B
p
and his eyes seem kind - a dull, _____

legato

23 *rit.*

S
if them years he spent down south been etched in - side his skull.

A
if them years he spent down south been etched in - side his skull.

T
if them years he spent down south been etched in - side his skull.

B
if them years he spent down south been etched in - side his skull.

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B

Faster walking tempo ♩ = 120
for a shorter cowboy kinda in a hurry

Score for the first system (measures 5-8). It features four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked 'Faster walking tempo' with a quarter note equal to 120 beats per minute. The instruction 'for a shorter cowboy kinda in a hurry' is written below the tempo. The vocal parts have lyrics: Soprano: 'say wha? t k t k t k t k'; Alto: 'say wha? ch ch'; Tenor: 'say wha? Bh Bh'; Bass: 'say wha? Bh Bh'. The piano accompaniment consists of a rhythmic melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is present at the beginning of the vocal lines.

Score for the second system (measures 30-33). It continues the four vocal parts and piano accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics for the vocal parts are: Soprano: 't k t k t k t k t k t k t k t k t k uh - huh!'; Alto: 'ch ch ch ch ch uh - huh!'; Tenor: 'Bh Bh Bh Bh Bh uh - huh!'; Bass: 'Bh Bh Bh Bh Bh uh - huh!'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. A dynamic marking of *f* is present at the beginning of the piano part.

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33

S
t k t k t k t k t k wa - oh!

A
ch ch ch wa - oh!

T
Bh Bh Bh wa - oh!

B
Bh Bh Bh wa - oh!

C

S
f Sez he

A
f

T
f 'Boys I'm tick-led green to be sit-tin' by yer fire; 'cause

B
f 'Boys I'm tick-led green to be sit-tin' by yer fire; 'cause