

# Dry Bones

African American spiritual

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Lively, spirited swing feel ( $\text{♩} = 132$ ) swing the 8th notes

Piano

*mf*

Unison *mp* - first time  
*mf* - second time

E - ze - kiel cried, "Them dry\_\_ bones!" E -

*mp* - first time  
*mf* - second time

ze - kiel cried, "Them dry\_\_ bones!" E - ze - kiel cried, "Them dry\_\_ bones!" Now

\* Accompaniment motifs in measures 4, 13, 40, 56, and 59 imply musical reference to "Fossiles" from *The Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns, 1835-1921.

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12  
hear the word of the Lord.

1  
E -

15 Lord. The foot bone connect-ed to the

2 \* **P**  
Lord. The foot bone connect-ed to the

18 (stomp) leg bone. The leg bone connect-ed to the knee bone. The

cresc.  
**P**

leg bone. The leg bone connect-ed to the knee bone. The

cresc.

21 **mf**  
knee bone connect-ed to the thigh bone. The thigh bone connect-ed to the

**mf**

\* Optional body movement: touch or point to body part at each **P**.  
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24 **P**

hip bone. The hip bone con-nect-ed to the back bone. The

27 *poco a poco cresc.* **P**

back bone con-nect-ed to the neck bone. The neck bone con-nect-ed to the

*poco a poco cresc.*

30 **P** *f* *(cup hand behind ear)*

head bone. Now hear the word of the Lord. Them

*f*

33 *(shake hands above head)* *(walk to the beat)* *(shake hands above head)*

bones, them bones gon-na walk a-round. Them bones, them bones gon-na