

# Bring Me Little Water, Silvy

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SSAA *a cappella* with Optional Percussion and/or Body Percussion

Words and Music by  
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Musical notation for Soprano I, Soprano II, Alto I, and Alto II parts. Each part consists of a single note on a treble clef staff, with a diagonal line indicating a rising pitch.

With a rhythmic pulse (♩ = ca. 96)

All Voices

Musical notation for All Voices part 1. The staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy."

Musical notation for All Voices part 2. The staff continues the melody from the previous line. The lyrics are: "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter now. \_\_\_\_\_"

Musical notation for All Voices part 3. The staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy,"

Musical notation for All Voices part 4. The staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "ev - 'ry lit - tle once in a while. \_\_\_\_\_"

9 SI, SII *Add percussion and/or body percussion*

*mp*

Musical notation for SI, SII part 1. The staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of chords. The lyrics are: "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy."

AI *mp*

Musical notation for AI part 1. The staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of chords. The lyrics are: "Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy."

AII *mp*

Musical notation for AII part 1. The staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of chords. The lyrics are: "Bring me, bring me a lit - tle wa - ter."

Performance time: ca. 2:30

\*Also available: SATB (CGE25); SSAB (CGE26).

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Bring me lit - tle wa - ter now. \_\_\_\_\_

Bring me lit - tle wa - ter now. \_\_\_\_\_

Bring me, Sil - vy, lit - tle wa - ter now. Won't you

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Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy,

Bring me lit - tle wa - ter, Sil - vy,

bring me, bring me a lit - tle wa - ter

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ev - 'ry lit - tle once in a while.\_\_\_\_

ev - 'ry lit - tle once in a while.\_\_\_\_

ev - 'ry lit - tle once in a while.\_\_\_\_

17 *Stop percussion and body percussion*

*mf*  
Sil - vy come a - run - nin', — buck - et in her

*mf*  
Sil - vy come a - run - nin', — buck - et in her

20 *mf*  
I will bring — a lit - tle wa - ter —

*mf*  
hand. I will bring — a lit - tle wa - ter —

*mp*  
hand. Oo —

23  
fast as I, fast as I can. —

fast as I, fast as I can. —