

Libretto of the Eight Year Old

Reduction for voice and piano

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Lively ♩ = 92

Mezzo-soprano

mp

To-day's the day that we take a boat, that we

bell like

sfzpp

sfzpp

sfzpp

7

mf

mp

mf

take a boat, a ve-ry big boat a-cross the seas. A tro-pi-cal is-land where the air is

p

mf

p

mp

13

stea-my and the rain falls down in the af-ter-noon and all is wet and the

pizz.

p leggiero

p

sfz

sfz

sfz

sfz

The musical score is written for Mezzo-soprano and Piano. It is in 6/8 time and marked 'Lively' with a tempo of ♩ = 92. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-6) features a Mezzo-soprano line starting with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'To-day's the day that we take a boat, that we'. The piano accompaniment consists of dotted half notes in the right hand and eighth notes in the left hand, with dynamic markings of *sfzpp* and *bell like*. The second system (measures 7-12) continues the lyrics 'take a boat, a ve-ry big boat a-cross the seas. A tro-pi-cal is-land where the air is'. The piano accompaniment includes a *pizz.* marking and dynamic markings of *p*, *mf*, and *mp*. The third system (measures 13-18) continues the lyrics 'stea-my and the rain falls down in the af-ter-noon and all is wet and the'. The piano accompaniment features a *pizz.* marking, a *p leggiero* marking, and dynamic markings of *p* and *sfz*.

19 *mp* *f*

earth is full of smells, full of big lea- fy palms and so - il rich and

24 *mf*

dark. Me - xi-co was hot and bright and the wa - ters blue and

30 *p legato*

clear. Boys would dive for mo-ney thrown from the boat and dive from the cliffs in - to the

35 *f* *mp intimate* *rit.*

sea. Our boat was large and the men who served us were

(pizz.)

40 Slightly broader $\text{♩} = 80$

friend - ly. For six weeks we sailed the o - cean and saw ma - ny won - der - ful

46

things. The fly - ing fish flew from the wa - ter and the big locks of the Pa - na - ma

52

lo - wered and filled with the sea.

58

At the land of En - gland we left our boat and Un - cle drove us