

Founding Fathers

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♩ = 114 Thoughtfully, andante

p legato

5

p Oooo.....

There's a dis - tant shore no-one's seen be - fore.

There's a dis - tant shore. No-one's seen be -

9

Oooo..... Ooo Oooo

Land of Li - ber - ty? Will it be? We can hope once more.

fore. Ooo

13

gradual cresc

Oooo.....

When they hold the land. Will they un - der - stand?

When they hold the land. Will our chil-dren un-der-

17

Oooo.....

gradual decresc.

oo oooo

what we gave up long a- go? Will they re-member or un - der - stand?

stand? Ooo

21

pp *faster* ♩ = 131 rest for 3 measures *mf*

Un - der - stand? rest for 3 measures Our

pp rest for 3 measures *mf*

Un - der - stand? rest for 3 measures Our

pp *faster* Our

pp *gradual cresc.*

25

fore-fa-ther dreams as he walks a nar - row trail. He

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29

stops & he sighs, & he won - ders if he will fail.

stops & he sighs, & he won - ders if he will fail.

stops & he sighs, & he won - ders if he will fail.

33

Some how or oth - er I've got to build this road,

Some-how or oth - er I've got to build this road,

Some-how or oth - er I've got to build this road,

37

wide e-nough for a wa-gon with a hea - vy load. Our

wide e-nough for a wa-gon with a hea - vy load. Our

wide e-nough for a wa-gon with a hea - vy load. Our

41

vil-lage has be-gun & our crops are on their way..... But

vil-lage has be-gun & our crops are on their way..... But

vil-lage has be-gun & our crops are on their way..... But

45

will they give us food be - fore the first win - try day?

will they give us food be - fore the first win - try day?

will they give us food be - fore the first win - try day?

p *pp* *8va*

49

rest for 3 measures

mf A cen-tu-ry passed and the vil-lage is now a

mp

Detailed description: This system contains measures 49 through 52. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a rest for three measures, then begins with the lyrics 'A cen-tu-ry passed and the vil-lage is now a'. The piano accompaniment consists of a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *mf* for the vocal and *mp* for the piano.

53

"There's trou-ble soon," warned a pat-ri-ot with eyes cast

town.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 53 through 56. The vocal line continues with the lyrics '"There's trou-ble soon," warned a pat-ri-ot with eyes cast town.'. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. The dynamics are consistent with the previous system.

57

The Bri-tish are com-ing!

down.

mf We

mf Now, war is at hand!

Detailed description: This system contains measures 57 through 60. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'The Bri-tish are com-ing! We Now, war is at hand!'. The piano accompaniment features a change in the right hand pattern, including a chordal texture. Dynamics include *mf* for the vocal and *mp* for the piano.

72

Some-how or oth-er I've got to win this fight

Some-how or oth-er I've got to win this fight

Some-how or oth-er I've got to win this fight

76

or I'll have no home or fam-ly left to - night.

or I'll have no home or fam-ly left to - night.

or I'll have no home or fam-ly left to - night.

80

The Bri-tish ad- vanced, A full five - hun - dred men.

The Bri-tish ad- vanced; A full five - hun - dred men

The Bri-tish ad- vanced; A full five - hun - dred men

simile

84

with eyes of steel; they marched in - to a glen.

with eyes of steel; they marched in - to a glen.

with eyes of steel; they marched in - to a glen.

88

But the Pat - ri - ots fought for free - dom, hope a flame.....

But the Pat - ri - ots fought for free - dom, hope a flame.....

But the Pat - ri - ots fought for free - dom, hope a flame.....

92

mp The vic - t'ry was won, but those men would not come home a - gain

mp The vic - t'ry was won, but those men would not come home a - gain

mp Ne - ver a

p

- gain.

pp gradually slowing

mp There's a dis-tant shore

p Oooo..... no-one's seen be-fore.

tempo primo There's a dis-tant shore. No-one's seen be

Oooo..... Ooo Oooo

mf Land of Li-ber-ty? Will it be? We can hope once more.

fore. Ooo

109

p

mp Oooo.....

When they hold the land. Will they un - der - stand?

mp When they hold the land. Will our chil-dren un-der

112

Oooo.....

what we gave up long a - go? Will they re-mem-ber or un - der - stand?

stand? Ooo

cresc. ooo oooo

117

f Un - der - stand? *p* Un - der stand?

f Un - der - stand? *p* Un - der stand?

f Un - der - stand? *p* Un - der - stand?

f Un - der - stand? *p* Un - der - stand?

decresc.