

sample copy

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Knowee
for SSAATTBB a cappella choir

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- a Sun spirit of
The Great South Land

Music and Text: Stephen Leek

tempo free but moving
individually ad. lib.

The sound is nasal - wailing, searing - some soli sopranos may be placed around the performance venue
and call across the space like distant echoes in the desert, they may continue singing the materials ad. lib.
throughout the work or start the calls in staggered entry at the places indicated *

S

Kn - no - - - wee Kn - no - - - wee

free harmonic singing - anyone that can do it

Sopranos collect here
before proceeding again.

3

K - no - - -> wee K - no - - -> wee K - no - - -> wee

cresc. molto ad lib.

7

Kn - no - - - wee Kn - no - - - wee K - no - - -> wee

A Soprano sequence may continue the sequence ad. lib. - suggested places *

10 Tempo ♩ = 142

Hm Hm Hm etc.

Hm Hm etc..

B 18 *breathy sound* *p* *norm.* *

S1 Ah Ah Kn no-wee Kn - no - wee

S2 *mp* Kn no-wee Kn no-wee *gliss.* *breathy sound* Ah

A1 *p* *breathy sound* Ah Ah *norm.* Kn - no - wee

A2 *mp* Kn-no - wee *gliss.* Ah Kn - no - wee

T *mf* Hm Hm etc. *p* *gliss.*

B *mf* Hm Hm etc.

26 * **C** *mp* *mf* *mf*

Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee, Kn - no - wee Kn - no -

mp *norm.* *mf* Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee, Kn - no - wee n - no -

Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee Kn - no -

Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee

mf Hm Hm etc. *mf* Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee

mf Hm Hm etc. *mf* Kn - no - wee

34 **D** *f* *

wee... Kn - no - wee... moves a - cross... the sky...
 wee... Kn - no - wee... moves a - cross... the sky...
 -wee... Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee moves a - cross moves a - cross the
 Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee moves a - cross moves a - cross the
 Kn-no-weeKn-no - wee nair nair nair nair nair nair... nair nair nair nair nair nair... nair nair nair...
 kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee moves a - cross moves a - cross

42 **E** *

with flam - ing torch... torch... held... high...
 with flam - ing torch... torch... held... high...
 sky... with flam-ing torch... flam - ing torch held high fla - ing torch
 Sky... with flam - ing with flam - ing torch... with flam -
 Ah... Ah... Ah... Ah... Ah... Ah... Ah... Ah...
 sky... with flam-ing torch held high... with flam-ing torch held high with flam-ing

50 **F** **G**

Search - ing search - ing for the son she bore Search - ing search - ing for

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held high search - ing search - ing search - ing Search - ing search - ing

ing torch search - ing search - ing search - ing for her son Search - ing search - ing for

Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah

torch held high high high high high high high

58 **H** **I**

the son she bore

the son she bore To the di - stant

for the son day on day day on day day on day day on day To the di - stant

the son she day day on day day on day day on day To the far

Ah Ah day on day, day on day on day day on day

high high day, day on day on day day on day

day on day on day on day day on day

day on day on day on day day on day

68 **J**

mf To dis - tant hor - i - zon came To dis - tant hor - i - zon jour - ney

hor - i - zon, to the di - stant seas_ to moun tains to the hor - i - zon_ hor - i - zon_

mf hor - i - zon, to di - stant seas_ To dis - tant hor i - zon To dis - tant hor - i - zon

mf hor - i - zon, to di stant seas_ To dis - tant hor - i - zon To dis - tant hor - i - zon jour ney

f To dis - tant hor - i - zon jour ney

77 **K**

far be - yond the mount - ains far be - yond seas_ to where her son_ is wait - ing still.l.l.l.l. to

far be - yond the moun - tains, far be - yond the seas_ to_ where son is wait - ing still_ still_

f far be - yond_ far be - yond_ where her son_ is wait - ing still_ still_

f far be - yond the mount - ains far be yond seas_ to where her son_ is wait - ing still_ to

f far be - yond the mount - ains far be - yond seas_ to where her son_ is wait - ing still_ to

f far be yond seas_ to where her son_ is wait - ing still_ to

f like white heat, ullulation

85 **L** *ff* **M** *fp*

where her son__ is wait-ing still.l.l.l.l. stil.l.l.l. Ah_____

f *to molto nasal*

Nair nair_ Nair nair nair nair nair_ nair nair nair nair_ nair. Nair nair nair nair nair_ nair nair nair nair_ nair,

f *ff*

where her son__ is wait-ing nair_ nair nair nair nair_ nair.. Ah Ah

ff

where her son__ is wait-ing still__ is wait - ing still Ah Ah

ff

where her son__ is wait-ing still__ is wait - ting still Ah_____ Ah

ff

where her son__ is wait-ing still__ is wait - ing still Ah_____ Ah

ff

Ah Ah

92 *to nasal* *

— Nair _____ Nair _____ Nair _____

Nair_ nair nair nair__ nair nair nair nair_ nair. nair nair nair nair nair nair nair_ nair nair_____

Ah Ah Ah

Ah Ah Ah

Ah Ah Ah

Ah Ah Ah

Ah Ah Ah

Ah Ah AH

8 *very intense hum*
from which harmonics
slowly emerge

100

f
Mmm

f
Mmm

f
Mmm

f
Mmm

f
Mmm

f
Mmm

f
Mmm

f
Mmm

tempo free as in the beginning
individually ad. lib.
The sound is again wailing, searing and nasal
sopranos may move out into the performance space calling once again

101

fp
Kn - no - - - wee

fp
Kn - no - - - wee

v

v

v

103 *fp* *gliss.* *fp*

K - no → wee K - no → wee

105 *cresc.ad.lib. molto* *gliss.*

K - no → wee

107 *fp* *fp* *fp* *gliss.*

Kn - no - wee Kn - no - wee K - no → wee