

Birrarung – Yarra Songs

Muddy River Flowing



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moving along $\text{♩} = 84$

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Voices Dm B_bmaj7 Gm⁹ A(add4)

Piano f

Dm B_bmaj7 Gm⁷ A(add4)

Pno.

A

Dm B_bmaj7 Gm⁹ A(add4) A

Mud - dy____ ri - ver drift - ing quiet - ly by,

Pno.

Dm B_bmaj7 Gm⁹ A(add4) A

mist - y____ riv - er rip - ples gent - ly by,

Pno.

B

Dm B_bmaj7 Gm⁹ A(add4) A

past the tall gums un - der the bridge,

Pno.

Dm B_bmaj7 G_m⁹ A(add4) A

past the he - ron with hard - ly a sigh.

Pno.

A musical score for "Muddy River" by Bruce Springsteen. The vocal part (top) starts in Dm, moves to Bbmaj7, Gm⁹, and then to A (add4) and A. The lyrics are: "Mud - dy _____ ri - ver drift - ing quiet - ly by". The piano part (bottom) provides harmonic support throughout. The score includes a dynamic range from piano dynamic markings to forte.

C

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the voice, starting in D major (Dm) and transitioning through B♭ major 7 (B♭maj7), G major 9 (Gm⁹), A (add4), and finally A major (A). The lyrics are: mist - y—— ri - ver rip - ples gent - ly by. The bottom staff is for the piano, providing harmonic support with chords corresponding to the vocal parts.

D

Vocal Melody:

- Measure 1: Dm
- Measure 2: B_bmaj7
- Measure 3: Gm⁹
- Measure 4: A(add4)
- Measure 5: A

Piano Accompaniment (Pno.):

Through the ci - ty on it's way,

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the voice, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "To the ocean through the bay." The bottom staff is for the piano, indicated by the label "Pno." followed by a brace. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords.

E

4

4

Dm B_bmaj⁷ Gm⁹ A(add4) A

Mud - dy _____ ri - ver drift - ing quiet - ly by

Pno.

F

lyrics: mist - y—— ri - ver rip - ples gent - ly by.

chords: Dm B♭maj7 Gm⁹ A(add4) A

Pno. (piano accompaniment)

Musical score for piano and vocal parts. The vocal part (top) starts with a Dm chord, followed by a B♭maj7 chord, a Gm⁹ chord, an A chord, and a Dm chord. The vocal line includes lyrics "Ah" at the beginning of the first two measures and again at the end of the third measure. The piano part (bottom) provides harmonic support throughout the progression.

Musical score for "The Star-Spangled Banner". The vocal part (top) starts with Dm, followed by a melodic line over B♭maj7, Gm⁹, A, and Dm chords, ending with a fermata and a "Sh" sound. The piano part (bottom) provides harmonic support with chords corresponding to the vocal parts.