

Yo na ma

(a mysterious prayer)
SATB a cappella

Lyrics: Lorenz Maierhofer *)

Music: Lorenz Maierhofer

Archaic and emotional ♩ = c. 76

A *mf*

S Yo na ma, ma - ma, yo - - na o.

A *mf*

T Yo na ma, ma - ma, yo - - na o.

B *mf*

ad lib: choreography – optionally with improvisation
(stamp/slap in a calm mo...)

Piano
(for rehearsal)

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Lee yo - na o - na lee oo - ee oo - ee.

Lee yo - na o - na lee oo - ee oo - ee.

(rub hands) (open hands to the front) (rub hands) (open hands to the front)

*) Free creative language with words and syllables without meaning.

• This composition was commissioned by Maria Fürntratt of the Singakademie Graz for a choral competition in Norway, 2010.



B

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Yo na ma, ma - ma, yo - - na

Yo na ma, ma - ma, yo - - na

Yo na ma, ma - ma, yo - - na - yoo.

Yo na ma, ma - ma, yo - - na - yoo yo - na - yoo.

(stamp/slap in a calm mood)

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Lee yo - na yo - na lee oo - ee oo - ee.

Lee yo - na yo - na lee oo - ee oo - ee.

Lee yo - na lee lee yo - na ma - ma yo - na, yo na ma ma yo - na oo - ee.

Lee yo - na yo - na ma - ma yo - na, yo na ma ma yo - na oo - ee.

(rub hands) (open hands to the front) (rub hands) (open hands to the front)



C

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f Sa-bo-ta oo-ee, sa - ba - to, oo - ee, oo-ee, oo-ee-oo oo-ee oo-ee

f Sa-bo-ta oo-ee, sa - ba - to, oo - ee, oo - ee,

f Oo oo - ee. Yo na

f Sa-bo-ta - yo, sa - ba - to oo - Yo na

(clap) (clap fast of the hand in a choral wave of sound)

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ma - - - ma - - - oo - ee-oo - ee, sa - ba - to, sa-bo-ta

ma - - - oo - ee, sa - ba - - - ta

f ma ma ma sa - ba - to, sa - ba - to, sa - bo - to,

ma ma ma sa - ba - to, sa - ba - to, sa - bo - to,

(slap/staccato) (slap/staccato)



D Animated

27

oo - - - ee. De-stroo-ee, de - stroo

oo - - - ee. De-stroo-ee - stroo - ee.

8 sa - sa - sa - sa - bo - ta, sa - sa - bo - ta. Yo na ma de-stroo-

sa - sa - sa - sa - bo - ta, sa - sa - bo - ta. Yo na ma ma de-stroo-

f

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de - stroo, de - stroo ee ay oh ay, oo - ah -

de - stroo, de - stroo ay, oh ay, oo - ah -

8 ee, - stroo-ee, stroo-ee, stroo-ee stroo-ee oo - ah -

ee, dee - stroo-ee, stroo-ee, stroo-ee stroo-ee oo - ah -

*with
or sticks*



E Emotionally

35 *mf* *f*

ee ee

mf

ee yo - ma - ma oo - ah - ee stroo

f *f*

ee ee

f *f*

ee ee

39 *dolce* *f*

de - stroo - ee na ma - ma - ee. Ah - ee - ah - ee yo -

f

de - stroo - ee ma - ma - ee. Ah - ee - ah - ee yo -

f

de - stroo - ee na ma - ma - ee. Ah - ee - ah - ee yo -

mf

Yo na ma

(drum with stones or sticks)



44

ah - ee, ah - ee - yo, de - stroo

ah - ee, ah - ee - yo, de - stroo

ah - ee, ah - ee - yo, ee.

yo - na - ma-ma yo - na - ma-ma yo - na - na, ee.

F

49

Yo na ma, ma-ma, yo - na - yoo. Lee yo - na

Yo na ma, ma-ma, yo - na - yoo. Lee yo - na

Yo na ma-ma, yo - na - yoo. Lee yo - na

Yo na ma, ma-ma, yo - na - yoo, yo-na-yoo. Lee

(in a calm mood) *(rub hands)*



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lee yo - na lee oo - ee ee.

lee yo - na lee oo - ee oo e.

lee lee yo - na ma-ma yo-na, yo na oo - ee

yo - na, yo - na ma-ma yo-na, na ma na oo - ee.

(open hands to the front) (rub hands) (hands to the front)

G

58

f Sa-bo-ta oo-ee, sa to, oo - ee, oo-ee, oo-ee-oo - ee - oo-ee - oo-ee

f Sa-bo-ta oo-ee, too, oo - ee oo - ee,

f Oo oo - ee. Yo na

f Sa-bo- yo, sa ba oo - ee. Yo na

(clap) (clap fast on the back of the hand in a choral wave of sound)



62 dolce

ma - - - ma, oo - ee - oo - ee - oo - ee, sa - to, - bo - ta

ma - - - ma, oo - - - oo - ee, sa - - - ta -

8 ma ma ma ma sa - ba - to, sa - ba - to,

ma ma ma ma sa - ba - to, to, - bo -

(slap/stamp in a dancing mood)

H

66

mf

Solo: Ah

Oo - - - ah - ee.

mf Oo - - - ah - ee. oo - - - ah - ee.

mf Oo - - - ah - ee, oo - - - ah - ee.

mf Yo - - - yo - na ma de - stroo - ee, de - stroo - ee.

(optional: from solo: drum with stones or sticks)



I **speaker, freely ad lib:**
"Stories without number hide in mysterious prayers. Listen, listen and listen! Let every day be a rebirth!"

70 *mf* Ah - e.

Oo - - - ah - ee, oo - - ah

mf Oo - - - ah - ee, oo - ah

mf Oo - - - ah - ee, ee

mf Yo - na - ma, yo - na - ma - ee, de - stroo ee.

