

From SWEET CHARITY

THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

For SATB* and Piano with Optional Percussion and String Bass**

Duration: ca. 2:00

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Lyrics by DOROTHY FIELDS

Crisply (♩ = ca. 92)

Piano

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 2/4 time. The right hand features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes. The tempo is marked as 'Crisply' with a quarter note equal to approximately 92 beats per minute. The dynamic is marked as *f* (forte).

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unis. p (energetic)

The first line of the vocal melody is written on a single staff in 2/4 time, marked *unis. p (energetic)*. The piano accompaniment is on a grand staff. The lyrics are: "When I start-ed down the street last Sun-day, feel-in' might-y low and kind-a mean,"

mf

The second line of the vocal melody is on a single staff, marked *mf*. The piano accompaniment continues on the grand staff. The lyrics are: "sud-den-ly a voice said, 'Go forth, neigh-bor! Spread the pic-ture on a

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mf

The third line of the vocal melody is on a single staff, marked *mf*. The piano accompaniment continues on the grand staff. The lyrics are: "wid-er screen!" And the voice said, "Neigh-bor, there's a mil-lion rea-sons

why you should be glad in all four sea-sons! Hit the road, neigh-bor, leave your

wor-ries and strife! Spread the re - li - gion of the rhy - thm of life." For the

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rhy - thm of life is a pow - er - ful beat, puts a tin - gle in your fin - gers and a

Tenor/Bass tacet 1st time mf

To feel the rhy - thm of life, to feel the

mf Doom* Doom Froom

tin - gle in your feet! Rhy - thm on the in - side, rhy - thm on the street, and the

pow - er - ful beat, to feel the tin - gle in your fin - gers,

Froom Boom Boom

rhy - thm of life is a pow - er - ful beat! For the pow - er - ful beat!

to feel the tin - gle in your feet!

Doom Froom Boom

* Close to the "m"

f

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Go and spread the gos - pel in Mil - wau - kee; take a walk - ie talk - ie to Rock - y Ridge!

unis. p (energetic)

unis. mf

All the way to Can - ton, then to Scran - ton, e - ven tell it un - der the Man - hat - tan Bridge.

42 You will make a new sen - sa - tion, have a grow - ing con - gre - ga - tion,

Doom* doom doom doom doom Froom froom froom froom froom

You will make a new sen - sa - tion, have a grow - ing con - gre - ga - tion,

mf Doom* doom doom doom doom Froom froom froom froom froom

build a glow - ing op - er - a - tion here be - low!

Boom boom boom boom, here be - low!

build a glow - ing op - er - a - tion here be - low!

Boom boom boom boom, here be - low!

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unis. p

Flip your wings and fly up high! _____ Flip your wings and

fly up high! _____ Flip your wings and fly up high! _____

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mf

Fly, _____ fly, _____ fly up high! _____ You can do it if you try! _____

You can do it if you try! _____ You can do it

if you try! _____ Try, _____ try, _____ try to fly! _____

unis.

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To feel the rhy-thm of life, to feel the pow-er-ful beat,

mf

to feel the tin-gle in your fin-gers, to feel the tin-gle in your feet! For the

mf *unis. f*

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rhy-thm of life is a pow-er-ful beat, puts a tin-gle in your fin-gers and a
To feel the rhy-thm of life, to feel the

f

f Doom Doom Froom

tin-gle in your feet! Rhy-thm on the in-side, rhy-thm on the street, and the
pow-er-ful beat, to feel the tin-gle in your fin-gers,

Froom Boom Boom

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rhy-thm of life, tin-gle in your
to feel the tin-gle in your life,

Boom

life, _____

unis. *p*

tin- gle in your life, _____

f

rhy- thm in your life!

f

rhy- thm in your life!