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An Earth Song

For SATB and Piano, with optional Cello and Cajón*
Duration: ca. 3:10

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Music by ANDREA RAMSEY

With buoyance ♩ = ca. 100

Piano *ff*

Cajón *f*

Soprano *mf* [A]
It's an earth song, _____ And I've been

Alto *mf*
It's an earth song, _____ And I've been

Tenor *mf*
It's an earth song, _____ And I've been

Bass *mf*
It's an earth song, _____ And I've been

Piano *mp*

5 *mf*

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Cello

wait-ing long for an earth song. *f*

wait-ing long for an earth song. *ff*

wait-ing long for an earth song. *ff*

wait-ing long for an earth song. *ff*

9

mf

It's a spring song, And I've been wait-ing long

It's a spring song, And I've been wait-ing long

It's a spring song, And I've been wait-ing long

It's a spring song, And I've been wait-ing long

B

13

AN EARTH SONG – SATB



for a spring song.

for a spring song.

for a spring song.

for a spring song.

17

mp *cresc.*

And I've been wait-ing long for a spring song.

And I've been wait-ing long for a spring song.

20

AN EARTH SONG – SATB



6

C

mf

Strong as the shoots__ of a

C

24

mf

mf

Strong as the first child

mf

Strong as the first child

mf

Strong as the burst-ing__ of new buds,

new plant, __

28

AN EARTH SONG – SATB



from its moth-er's womb, Strong, oh so strong, It's an earth song.

from its moth-er's womb, Strong, oh so strong, It's an earth song.

Strong, oh so strong, It's an earth song.

Strong, oh so strong, It's an earth

A spring

A bod - y song,

song.

song.

A bod - y song, a

32

36

AN EARTH SONG – SATB



Musical score for "AN EARTH SONG - SATB". The score is written for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (P). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into two systems, each containing four staves for the vocal parts and a grand staff for the piano.

System 1 (Measures 36-43):

- Soprano:** "song, _____ A spring _____"
- Alto:** "A bod-y _____ song, _____"
- Tenor:** "A spring _____ song, _____"
- Bass:** "song, _____ A bod - y _____ song, _____ a"
- Piano:** Accompaniment with a crescendo starting at measure 40, marked *mp cresc.*

System 2 (Measures 44-51):

- Soprano:** "song, _____ A spring _____"
- Alto:** "A bod-y _____ song, _____"
- Tenor:** "A spring _____ song, _____"
- Bass:** "song, _____ A bod - y _____ song, _____ a"
- Piano:** Accompaniment with a ritardando starting at measure 44, marked *rit.* and *mf*. The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

The score includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *rit.* (ritardando). The piano part features a crescendo in the first system and a ritardando in the second system.

AN EARTH SONG - SATB



song, I have been wait - ing

A spring song, I have been wait - ing

8 A spring song, I have been wait - ing

song, spring song, I have been wait - ing

48

E

Slower ♩ = ca. 74-80

accel.

Tempo I ♩ = ca. 100

long for this spring, long for this spring song.

long for this spring, long for this spring song.

8 long for this spring, long for this spring song.

long for this spring, long for this spring song.

51

E

Slower ♩ = ca. 74-80

accel.

Tempo I ♩ = ca. 100

AN EARTH SONG – SATB



mf

It's an

mf

It's an

mf

It's an

mf

It's an

mp

mp

55

[F]

mp

earth song, And I've been wait-ing long for an

earth song, And I've been wait-ing long for an

earth song, And I've been wait-ing long for an

earth song, And I've been wait-ing long for an

[F]

60

mf

AN EARTH SONG – SATB



64

f *mf*

earth song. It's a spring song,

earth song. It's a spring song,

8 earth song. It's a spring song,

earth song. It's a spring song,

64

68

And I've been wait-ing long for a

And I've been wait-ing long for a

8 And I've been wait-ing long for a

And I've been wait-ing long for a

68

AN EARTH SONG – SATB



rit. Slower ♩ = ca. 74-80

spring song. I have been wait-ing long for this spring

spring song. I have been wait-ing long for this spring

8 spring song. I have been wait-ing long for this spring

spring song. I have been wait-ing long for this spring

71

Tempo I ♩ = ca. 100

song.

song.

8 song.

song.

Tempo I ♩ = ca. 100

76

AN EARTH SONG – SATB

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