

As recorded by **BOBBY McFERRIN**


Don't Worry, Be Happy


For A Cappella SATB Voices

Performance Time: **4:12**

Performance Notes:


Smoothly connect all notes unless specifically indicated otherwise. For stylistic authenticity, it is essential to listen to this tune on Bobby McFerrin's album "*Simple Pleasures*" (EMI-Manhattan Records, E1-48059). Work for an easy going Caribbean speech pattern on all verses... and remember: Don't worry, be happy!

Inflections:  = ascending smear... slide into note from 2-3 steps below.

 = ascending glissando... a smooth ascending slide between two pitches. Delay the beginning of the slide until the first pitch has been definitely established. Slight crescendo.

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Brightly (♩ = 144, ♪ = )

Opt. finger snaps on beats 2 and 4 throughout.

mf 8va to **A**

Whistle (small groups or duet),
add higher note on repeat

Soprano *mf* a3 a3 a3 *sim.*

Alto

Tenor

Bass *mf*

† Hm hm hm hm

3 4 5

t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo

hm hm hm hm hm hm

6 7 8

t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo,

hm hm hm

† hm=imitate fretless electric bass, lips forward with cavernous mouth interior...think "ooomm".

3 times total

Verse 1 A *Solo, any voice* 10 11
Here's a lit - tle song I wrote. You might want to sing it note

Verse 2 *Solo, any voice*
Ain't got no place to lay — your head. Some-bod - y came and took

Verse 3 *Solo, any voice*
Ain't got no cash, ain't got — no style. — Ain't got no gal to make

Soprano
Alto
Tenor 3 times total
t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo

Bass
— hm — hm hm — hm hm —

12 13 14
for note. Don't wor - ry, be
your bed. — Don't wor - ry, be
you smile. — Don't wor - ry, be
t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo,
hm — hm — hm — hm —

15 16 17

hap - py. In ev - 'ry life we have

hap - py. The land - lord say your rent

hap - py. 'Cause when you wor - ry your face

t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo,

hm hm hm hm hm hm

18 19 20

some trou - ble, but when you wor - ry you make it dou - ble. Don't

is late. He may have to lit - i - gate. Don't

will frown and that will bring ev - 'ry - bod - y down. So don't

t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo

hm hm hm hm hm hm

21 22

wor - ry, be

wor - ry, (Chuckle) Ha ha ha ha ha ha, be

wor - ry, be

t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo,

hm hm

23 24

hap - py. (Spoken) Don't wor - ry, be hap - py now.

hap - py. (Spoken) Look at me I'm hap - py.

hap - py. (Spoken) Don't wor - ry, be hap - py now.

t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo,

hm hm hm hm

B *Small group or solo*

26 27 *Spoken solo*

Oo _____ oo oo _____ oo oo _____ oo oo _____ Don't

t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo

hm hm hm hm hm

28 29 *sim.* 30

wor-ry. Oo oo _____ oo oo _____ Be hap-py. oo.

t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo t' coo coo t' coo coo t' coo coo

hm hm hm hm

31 32

1. *Don't wor-ry, be hap-py.
2. Here, I give you my phone number, When you worry, call me. I make you happy.
3. Don't wor-ry, be hap-py.

t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo,

hm hm hm hm

****Small groups or duet**

33 34 35

Oo _____ oo oo oo _____ oo oo _____ oo oo _____ Don't

t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo,

hm hm hm hm hm

*To be spoken one line per verse, as numbered

**Suggested voicings: ① Men only ② Women only ③ Women sing bottom line; men sing top line down an octave.

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36 37 38

wor - ry. Oo oo oo oo Be hap - py. Oo

t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo,

hm hm hm hm

1 40

Don't wor - ry, be hap - py.

t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo

hm hm hm hm

2 42

t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo

hm hm hm hm

3 Solo 44

Be hap - py, be hap - py now! —

t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo,

hm hm hm hm

4 times total, small groups or solos enter as numbered

*Spoken solo,
1st time only*

C 3/2 1

Oo _____ oo oo oo oo _____ oo oo _____ Don't

t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo

hm hm hm hm hm

48 49 *sim.* 50

wor-ry. Oo oo _____ oo oo _____ Be hap-py. Oo _____

t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo, t' coo coo,

hm hm hm hm hm

51 52 **After 4th time, Repeat and Fade** 53 **Last time**

t' coo coo, t' coo coo t' coo coo, t' coo coo coo.

hm hm hm hm

Spoken Ad Lib. Over Repeat and Fade:

Don't worry. Don't worry. Don't do it.
Be happy. Put a smile on your face.
Don't bring everybody down. Don't
worry. It will soon pass, whatever it is.
Don't worry. Be happy. I'm not worried.

I'm happy.

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