

Rain-Song

for soprano and orchestra

Music by Will Marion Cook
Lyrics by Alex Rogers

Arranged by Aaron Grad

Commissioned by the North Carolina Symphony

Approximately 4 minutes

Instrumentation:

2 Flutes
Oboe
English Horn
2 Clarinets
2 Bassoons

2 Horns
2 Trumpets
Trombone

Timpani

2 Percussionists*

Piano

Strings

*Player 1: snare drum, tenor drum, bass drum, ratchet, castanets, suspended cymbal
Player 2: crash cymbals, slapstick, sandpaper blocks, bongos, guiro, whistle, tubular bells (D and G),
glockenspiel

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Lively, with a light swing (♩ = c. 144)

Flute 1 *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Flute 2 *mf* *f*

Oboe *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

English Horn *mf* *f*

Clarinet 1 in B♭ *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Clarinet 2 in B♭ *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Bassoon 1 *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Bassoon 2 *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Horn 1 in F *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Horn 2 in F *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Trumpet 1 in B♭ *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Trumpet 2 in B♭ *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Trombone *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Timpani *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Percussion 1: snare drum, tenor drum, bass drum, ratchet, castanets, suspended cymbal
snare drum *pp* *p* *mp* *mf*

Percussion 2: crash cymbals, slapstick, sandpaper blocks, bongos, guiro, whistle, tubular bells (D and G), glockenspiel

Piano

Voice

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Violin I *p* *mp* *mf* *f* div.

Violin II *p* *mp* *mf* *f* div.

Viola *p* *mp* *mf* *f* unis.

Violoncello *p* *mp* *mf* *f* pizz.

Contrabass *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

1 2 3 4

A

Fl. 1 *ff*

Fl. 2 *ff*

Ob. *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Eng. Hn. *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Cl. 1 *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Cl. 2 *ff* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Bsn. 1 *ff* *p* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Bsn. 2 *ff* *p* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Hn. 1 *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Hn. 2 *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Tpt. 1 *ff* *p*

Tpt. 2 *ff*

Tbn. *ff* *p*

Timp.

S. D. suspended cymbal

Sus. Cym. *f*

Rt. ratchet *p*

Slap. slapstick *p*

Pno.

Voice *mf*
 An - y time you hear... de cheers an' ta-bles crack, An' de folks wid rheu ma-tics dey jints is on de rack,

A

Vln. I *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff* solo (pizz.)

Cb. *ff* *p*

Fl. 1 *p* *f* *p* *mf* *p*

Fl. 2 *p* *f* *p* *mf* *p*

Ob. *p* *f* *p* *mf* *p*

Eng. Hn. *p* *f*

Cl. 1 *ff* *p* *f*

Cl. 2 *p* *f* *p* *f*

Bsn. 1 *p* *p* *mf* *p*

Bsn. 2 *p* *p* *mf* *p*

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1 *p* *f*

Tpt. 2 *p* *f*

Tbn. *p* *f*

Timp. *pp* *mf*

S. D. *p* *mp*

Cast. *p* *mf* *p*

Sand. *p*

Pno. *p* *f* *p*

Voice
 Look out fu' rain, rain, rain! When de ducks quack loud an' de pea - cocks cry, An' de

B

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Vc. *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Cb. *p* *mp* *f*

tutti, arco

pizz.

Fl. 1 *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1 *p* *f* *p*

Cl. 2 *p* *f* *p*

Bsn. 1 *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Bsn. 2 *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Hn. 1 *p* *f*

Hn. 2 *p* *f*

Tpt. 1 *p* *f*

Tpt. 2 *p* *f*

Tbn. *f* solo

Timp. *p* *mf*

Cast. *p*

Sand.

Glock. always let vibrate *p*

Pno. *f*

Voice
 far off hills_ seem to be_ right_ nigh, Pre- pare fu' rain, rain, rain! *mp* When de

Vln. I *p* *mf* *p* *f* *V* (unis.)

Vln. II *p* *mf* *p* *f* *V* (unis.)

Vla. *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Vc. *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Cb. *mp* *f* *p* *f*

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tbn.
Timp.

Cast.
Gro.
Glock.
Pno.

Voice

ol' cat on de hearth wid her vel-vet paws 'Gins to wip - in' o - ver her whis-kered jaws, Sho'sign o' rain, rain

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

E

Fl. 1 *sfzp* *f*

Fl. 2 *sfzp* *f*

Ob. *f* *p*

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1 *sfzp* *f*

Cl. 2 *sfzp* *f*

Bsn. 1 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Bsn. 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 1 solo *p* *mf* *p*

Hn. 2 *mf* *p*

Tpt. 1 *p* *mf* *p*

Tpt. 2 *p* *mf* *p*

Tbn. *mf* *p*

Timp. *pp* *mf*

B. D. *mp* *p*

Cym. *mp* *p*

Glock.

Pno. *f* *p*

Voice *f* *p* *f*

rain. When yo' no - tice de air it stan's stock still, An' de black-bird's voice_ it

E

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc.

Cb. *f* *mp*

G

rit. Slower, straight (♩ = 112)

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn.

Timp.

Pno.

Voice

when you see him eat-in', he is eat-in' grass: Sho - es', tru - es', cert-'nes'

G

rit. Slower, straight (♩ = 112)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

slow and even gliss.

div.

sul C

slow and even gliss.

slow and even gliss.

slow and even gliss.

poco rall. a tempo (♩ = 112)

Fl. 1 *f* *p*

Fl. 2 *f* *p*

Ob. *f* *p*

Eng. Hn. *f* *p*

Cl. 1 *f* *p*

Cl. 2 *f* *p*

Bsn. 1 *f* *p* *mf* *p*

Bsn. 2 *f* *p* *mf* *p*

Hn. 1 *f* *p* *mf*

Hn. 2 *f* *p* *mf*

Tpt. 1 *f* *p* *mf*

Tpt. 2 *f* *p* *mf*

Tbn. *mf* lazy

Timp. *f* *pp*

T.D. *mp* *pp* with sticks

Pno.

Voice *f*
 sign ob — rain! — No mis - ter Sim - mons, we can safe - ly say,

poco rall. a tempo (♩ = 112)

Vln. I *f* *mf* col legno battuto (unis.)

Vln. II *f* *mf* col legno battuto (unis.)

Vla. *f* *mf* col legno battuto

Vc. *f* *mf* col legno battuto

Cb. *f* *mf* col legno battuto

I

rall. freely

Halting at first, ♩ = c. 84

Fl. 1 *mf* *pp*

Fl. 2 *mf* *pp*

Ob. *mf* *pp*

Eng. Hn. *mf* *pp*

Cl. 1 *mf*

Cl. 2 *mf*

Bsn. 1 *mf* *pp*

Bsn. 2 *mf* *pp*

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn.

Timp.

T.D. *mf* *pp*

B. D. *pp*

Sand. *p*

Glock. *pp*

Pno. *mp foreground*

Voice *dim.* *p*

'Taint gwine to be no rain to - day. Kase de su't ain' fall - in' an' de

I

rall. freely

Halting at first, ♩ = c. 84

Vln. I *p* arco (div.) pizz. (div.)

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p* arco

Vc. *p* arco

Cb. *p* pizz. solo (pizz.)

mp

accel.

Fl. 1 *p*

Fl. 2 *p*

Ob. *p*

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1 *p*

Cl. 2 *p*

Bsn. 1 *p*

Bsn. 2 *p*

Hn. 1 *pp*

Hn. 2 *pp*

Tpt. 1 *pp*

Tpt. 2

Tbn.

Timp.

B. D.

Sand.

Pno.

dogs ain' sleep, An' you ain' seen no spi - ders from dere cob-webs creep; Las' night de sun_ went bright to bed,_ An' de

accel.

Vln. I *p* solo

Vln. II *p* solo (arco)

Vla. *p* solo

Vc. *p*

Cb.

Steady, ♩ = 112

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn.

Timp.

B. D.

Sand.

Pno.

Voice

moon ain' nev - ah once been seen to hang her head; — If you'se watched all dis', — den you kin safe - ly say, — Dat dere

Steady, ♩ = 112

Vln. (solo) *p*

Vln. (solo) *p*

Vla. (solo) *p*

Vc.

Cb. (solo, pizz.) *mp*

rall. freely a tempo

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. *p*

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1 *mp*

Cl. 2 *mp*

Bsn. 1 *p*

Bsn. 2 *p*

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn.

Timp.

B. D.

Sand.

Pno.

Voice
 ain' gwine ter be no rain to day;... If you'se watched all dis, den you kin safe - ly say, Dat dere ain't a-gwine to be - a no

rall. freely a tempo

Vln. *p* tutti *mf* *p*

Vln. *p* tutti *mf* *p*

Vla. *p* *mf* *p*

Vc. *mf* tutti, arco *mf* *p*

Cb. *p* *mf* *p*

rit. **accel.** **J** **a tempo**

Fl. 1 *mp* *f* *p* *p*

Fl. 2 *f* *p* *p*

Ob. *p*

Eng. Hn. *p* *f* *p*

Cl. 1 *p* *f* *p*

Cl. 2 *p* *f* *p*

Bsn. 1 *mf* *p* *p* *f* *mp*

Bsn. 2 *mf* *p* *p* *f* *mp*

Hn. 1 *mf* *p*

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1 *p* with cup mute

Tpt. 2 *p* with cup mute

Tbn. *p*

Timp. *p*

B. D. *p*

Gro. *p* guiro

Pno. *p* *mf*

Voice
rain to - day;... Kase de su't ain' fall - in' an' de dogs ain' sleep, An' you ain'

rit. **accel.** **J** **a tempo**

Vln. *mp* *p* *f* *p*

Vln. *mp* *p* *f* *p*

Vla. *mp* *p* *f* *p*

Vc. *mp* *p* *f* *mp*

Cb. *p* *f* *mp*

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn.

Timp.

B. D.

Gro.

Pno.

Voice

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mp

mf

p

seen no spi - ders from dere cob-webs creep; Las' night de sun... went bright to bed, An' de moon ain' nev-ah once been seen to

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn.

Timp.

B. D.

Gro.

Pno.

Voice

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

hang her head; If you'se watched all dis',_ den you kin safe-ly say,_ Dat dere ain' gwine ter be no rain to day;_ If you'se

molto rall.

Slower, gritty (♩ = 84)

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn.

Timp.

S. D.

T. D.

Cym.

Pno.

Voice

watched all dis, den you kin safe - ly say, Dat dere

molto rall.

K Slower, gritty (♩ = 84)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

arco

Fl. 1 *p* *pp* *p*

Fl. 2 *p* *pp* *p*

Ob. *p*

Eng. Hn. *f* *p*

Cl. 1 *f* *p* *pp* *p*

Cl. 2 *f* *p*

Bsn. 1 *f* *p* *pp* *p* *mp*

Bsn. 2 *f* *p* *p* *mp*

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2 *p*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn. *p*

Timp. *p*

S. D. *ppp* *snare drum*

Cym.

Pno. *pp* *p* *mp*

Voice *p*
 ain't a-gwine ter be - a no rain to - day, — Dat dere ain't gwine ter be no - o

Vln. I *f* *p* *pp* *p* *mp*

Vln. II *f* *p* *pp* *p* *mp*

Vla. *f* *p* *pp* *p* *mp*

Vc. *f* *p* *pp* *p* *mp*

Cb. *f* *p* *pp* *p* *mp*

Fl. 1 *mp* *f* *p* *rit.*

Fl. 2 *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *p sub.*

Ob. *f* *p sub.* *f* *p sub.*

Eng. Hn. *mp* *f* *p sub.* *f* *p*

Cl. 1 *mp* *f* *p sub.* *f* *mp*

Cl. 2 *mp* *f* *p sub.* *f* *mp*

Bsn. 1 *f* *p* *f*

Bsn. 2 *f* *p* *f*

Hn. 1 *p* *p*

Hn. 2 *p*

Tpt. 1 *p*

Tpt. 2

Tbn. *p*

Timp. *pp*

S. D. *mf*

T. D. *mf*

Sus. Cym. *p* *suspended cymbal*

Tub. B. *mf* *tubular bells*

Pno. *f* *ff*

Voice *f* *ff*
rain to day.

Vln. I *f* *p* *ff* *rit.*

Vln. II *f* *p* *ff*

Vla. *f* *p* *ff*

Vc. *f* *p* *ff*

Cb. *f* *p* *ff*