

The Mechanical Dragon

from "The Dragons are Singing Tonight"

for SSA and piano
with assorted wood and metal 'noise-makers', plus car horn!

music: David Hamilton (1996)
text: Jack Prelutsky

♩ = 132

The score is for a piece in 4/4 time with a tempo of 132 beats per minute. It features five parts: Horn/Wood, Metal 1/2, Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, and Piano. The Horn/Wood part has rests for the first two measures and then plays a melody starting in the third measure. Metal 1 and 2 have rests for the first two measures and then play a rhythmic accompaniment. Soprano 1 has lyrics 'blip beep blipbeep', 'blip beep blip beep', and 'blip beep blip beep'. Soprano 2 has lyrics 'beep', 'beepbeep', 'beep', 'beep beep', 'beep', and 'beep beep'. The Alto part has lyrics 'mm', 'mm', 'mm', 'mm', 'mm', and 'mm'. The Piano part has rests for all three measures.

Horn
Wood

Metal 1
Metal 2

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Piano

f blip beep blipbeep

f beep beepbeep

f mm mm mm mm mm mm

mf

mf

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2

4 (Horn)

S.1
blip beep blip beep blip beep blip beep blip beep blip beep

S.2
beep beep beep beep beep beep beep beep beep

A.
mm mm mm mm mm mm

Pno.



7

S.1
blip beep blip beep blip beep blip beep blip beep blip beep

S.2
beep beep beep beep beep beep beep

A.
mm mm mm mm *f* ah-

Pno.
f *f*

10

S.1 *f* ah- *mf* I made a me-cha-ni-cal

S.2 *f* ah- *mf* I made a me-cha-ni-cal

A. *f* ah- *mf* I made a me-cha-ni-cal

Pno. *mf*

(*sim*)

14 (*unison*)

Tutti dra-gon of bot-tle tops, hin-ges and strings, *mp* of

Pno.

17

Tutti thrown a-way clocks and un-mend-a-ble socks, of han-gers and worn in-ner

Pno.