

O My Children! My Poor Children!

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Slow straight bluesy feel

$\text{♩} = 53$

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molto rit.

The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The vocal parts include Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Baritone Saxophone, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3, Trombone 4, Bass Trombone, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Bassoon. The instrumental parts include Jazz Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The score is set in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts sing the lyrics "O my chil-dren!" and "My poor chil-dren!". The instrumental parts provide harmonic support, with the piano playing chords in the bass and treble clefs. The jazz guitar uses tremolo picking and specific fingerings like B \flat (\sharp 9), E \flat (\sharp 9), A \flat (\sharp 9), D \flat (\sharp 9), G \flat 13, and Eb/F. The bass and drums provide rhythmic and harmonic foundation. The score includes dynamic markings such as f , $f < f$, $pp < f$, ff , and p . The tempo is indicated as $\text{♩} = 53$.

A =106 swing feel

Alto 1
Alto 2
Tenor 1
Tenor 2
Bari. Sax.
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tpt. 4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3
B. Tbn.
S.
A.
T.
B.
J. Gtr.
Pno.
Bass
Dr.

chil-dren!
chil-dren!
chil-dren!

Lis - ten to the words of wis - dom,_
Lis - ten to the words of wis - dom,_

B♭13 D♭7 G♭13 F13 B♭13 D♭7 G♭13 F13 B♭13 D♭7 G♭13 F13
B♭13 D♭7 G♭13 F13 B♭13 D♭7 G♭13 F13 B♭13 D♭7 G♭13 F13
B♭13 D♭7 G♭13 F13 B♭13 D♭7 G♭13 F13 B♭13 D♭7 G♭13 F13

=106 swing feel
A

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Alto 1

Alto 2

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

S.

A.

T.

B.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

Lis - ten to the words of warn - ing, From the lips of the Great Spi - rit, From the Mas-ter of Life, who made you!—

Lis - ten to the words of warn - ing, From the lips of the Great Spi - rit, From the Mas-ter of Life, who made you!—

From the lips of the Great Spi - rit, From the Mas-ter of Life, who made you!—

From the lips of the Great Spi - rit, From the Mas-ter of Life, who made you!—

B^b13 D^b7 G^b13 F13 E^b9 D^b9 A^b6 A⁶ B^b13 E^b9 E^b/F B^b13 D^b7

B^b13 D^b7 G^b13 F13 E^b9 D^b9 A^b6 A⁶ B^b13 E^b9 G^b13 E^b/F B^b13 D^b7

B^b13 D^b7 G^b13 F13 E^b9 D^b9 A^b6 A⁶ B^b13 E^b9 E^b/F B^b13 D^b7

B^b13 D^b7 G^b13 F13 E^b9 D^b9 A^b6 A⁶ B^b13 E^b9 E^b/F B^b13 D^b7

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10 53

Alto 1
Alto 2
Tenor 1
Tenor 2
Bari. Sax.

E

f *mf* *f* *fp* *mf* *f* *fp*
f *ff*

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tpt. 4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3
B. Tbn.

f *ff*
f *ff*

solo mute
mute
ff
ff
ff
ff
ff
ff

S.
Wea-ry of,— O my chil dren, my_poor chil -dren, O my chil dren, my_poor chil - dren.

A.
Wea-ry of,— O my chil dren, my_poor chil -dren, O my chil dren, my poor chil - dren.

T.
— Your quar - rels, my_poor chil - dren, O my chil dren, my poor chil - dren.

B.
— Your quar - rels, my_poor chil - dren, O my chil dren, my poor chil - dren.

J. Gtr.
Abm Bb⁷⁽⁵⁾ Ebm⁷ Cm^{7(b5)} Fm^{7(b5)} Bb⁷⁽⁵⁾ Ebm⁷ Cm^{7(b5)} Fm^{7(b5)} Bb⁷⁽⁵⁾ Ebm¹¹

Pno.
Abm Bb⁷⁽⁵⁾ Ebm Cm^{7(b5)} Fm^{7(b5)} Bb⁷⁽⁵⁾ Ebm Cm^{7(b5)} Fm^{7(b5)} Bb⁷⁽⁵⁾ ff ff mf

Bass
Abm Bb⁷⁽⁵⁾ Ebm⁷ Cm^{7(b5)} Fm^{7(b5)} Bb⁷⁽⁵⁾ Ebm⁷ Cm^{7(b5)} Fm^{7(b5)} Bb⁷⁽⁵⁾ Ebm¹¹
ff ff mf

Dr.
E
ff

60

solo

mf

Alto 1

Alto 2

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1 *f*

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3 *mf*

Tpt. 4 *mf*

Tbn. 1 *mf*

Tbn. 2 *mf*

Tbn. 3 *mf*

B. Tbn.

S.

A.

T.

B.

J. Gtr. *Ebm(maj7)* *Abm⁷* *Bb7(#5)* *Ebm¹¹* *Ebm(maj7)*
Ebm(maj7) *p* *Ebm⁷* *Bb7(#5)* *Ebm¹¹* *Ebm(maj7)*

Pno. *p* *mf* *f*

Bass *p*

Dr. *mf* *p*

