

Chopping down trees

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♩ = 130

Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-4. The piece is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody in the treble clef starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment in the bass clef consists of a steady eighth-note bass line (C3, B2, A2, G2) and a series of chords in the right hand.

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Musical notation for the second system, measures 5-8. The melody in the treble clef has a quarter rest in measure 5, then eighth notes G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4, and F4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same pattern as the first system.

Chop, chop, chop -ping down trees — Chop, chop, chop -ping down trees. —

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Musical notation for the third system, measures 9-12. The melody in the treble clef has a quarter rest in measure 9, then eighth notes G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4, and F4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same pattern as the first system.

List-en to the birds sing, (*whistle like birds*) list-en to the mon-keys talk (*monkeys chattering*)

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Musical notation for the fourth system, measures 13-16. The melody in the treble clef has a quarter rest in measure 13, then eighth notes G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4, and F4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same pattern as the first system.

List-en to the mice squeak (*mice squeaking*) List-en to the par-rots squawk! *Squawk! Squawk!*

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Chop, chop, chop-ping down trees _____ Chop, chop, chop-ping down trees. _____

21

Nee - aw! List-en to the chain saw! Nee - aw! List-en to the en-gine roar

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Brrrrmmm! List-en to the lor-ries go! Brrrrm! List-en to the trucks go!

29

Chop, chop, chop-ping down trees _____ Chop, chop, chop-ping down trees. _____

33

We have made a big space! You have made an empty space

37

List-en to the birds sing! Now there's no - thing.

slower

41

Stop, stop chop-ping down trees___ Stop, stop chop-ping down trees___

a tempo

45

Stop, stop chop-ping down trees___ Stop, stop chop-ping down trees___ We

49

want to hear the birds sing, (*birds whistling*) we want to hear the mon-keys talk, (*monkeys chattering*) we

53

want to hear the mice squeak (*mice squeaking*) we want to hear the par-rots squawk!

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Stop, stop chop-ping down trees—— Stop, stop

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chop-ping down trees—— (whisper) Stop, stop, chop-ping down trees.

(fading away)