

Seedling

SATB & Piano (not shown)

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Original version ("Push, push, push!") ca.1985

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Steady [crotchet = 104]

Melody - Sopranos & Tenors

4 INTRO

Oh woh, you bare-ly are a twin-kle in a blos-som's eye then a bum-ble bee comes

Harmony - Altos & Basses

Melody

8

bum-ling by Brush-es pol-len from an-o-ther's an-ther on-to your stig-ma when

Harmony

Melody

11

she feasts on sweet nec-tar then... That pol-len makes and takes a long

Harmony

Melody

14

pol-len-tube-ride Down to where the o-vule hides deep in-side the

Harmony

Melody

17

o-va-rywhere the ga-metes fuse in-to the zy-gote from which you (yes you!) em-

Harmony

[NB Sops & Tens sing Melody, Altos & Basses sing Harmony until bar 41. From then, Sops sing Melody, Altos sing Harmony, Tenors & Basses sing Baritone.]

Melody

2

21
 bry - o de - ve - lop in to swel - ling seed (thanks to nou - rish - ing en - do - sperm from
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Melody

24
 which you'll feed) You'll grow and ma - ture un - til you're set fair to ger - mi - nate when
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Melody

28
 moist - ure and air and Temp - 'ra - ture and dark - ness and bright day - light Ev - ' ry
 moist - ure and air and Temp - 'ra - ture and dark - ness and bright day - light Ev - ' ry

Melody

31
 need of yours is met just right Ev - ry need of yours is just met right Lit - tle
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Melody

35
 seed - ling, burst - ing with the spark of life Ev - ry need is yours is just met right Lit - tle
 seed - ling, burst - ing with the spark of life Ev - ry need is yours is just met right Lit - tle

Faster & Swung

[crotchet = 176]

Melody

39 seed - ling live your life!

41-44 4

Harmony

seed - ling live your life!

4

REFRAIN 1

Melody - Sopranos

45 Push, push, push, up to the day - light,

Harmony - Altos

Push, push, push, up to the day - light,

Baritone - Tenors & Basses

Push, push, push, up to the day - light,

Melody

47 Climb, climb, climb, it's time to go Push, push, push don't waste a mo - ment,

Harmony

Climb, climb, climb, it's time to go Push, push, push don't waste a mo - ment,

Baritone

Climb, climb, climb, it's time to go Push, push, push don't waste a mo - ment,

Melody

51 drink that sun - shine, makes you grow Push, push, push, up to the day - light,

Harmony

drink that sun - shine, makes you grow Push, push, push, up to the day - light,

Baritone

drink that sun - shine, makes you grow Push, push, push, up to the day - light,

55

Climb, climb, climb, it's time to go Push, push, push don't waste a mo - ment,

Harmony

Climb, climb, climb, it's time to go Push, push, push don't waste a mo - ment,

Baritone

Climb, climb, climb, it's time to go Push, push, push don't waste a mo - ment,

VERSE 1

59 61-64 4 65

drink that sun - shine, makes you grow Seed - lings all, hear my song:

Harmony

4

drink that sun - shine, makes you grow Seed - lings all, hear my song:

Baritone

4

drink that sun - shine, makes you grow Seed - lings all, hear my song:

67

Spring and sum - mer don't last long Don't de - lay, grow to day

Harmony

Spring and sum - mer don't last long Don't de - lay, grow to day

Baritone

Spring and sum - mer don't last long Don't de - lay, grow to day

REFRAIN 2

71

Drink that sun, grow big and strong Down, down, down grow

Harmony

Drink that sun, grow big and strong Down, down, down grow

Baritone

Drink that sun, grow big and strong Down, down, down grow

Melody

5

74

down your roots in - to the soil in - to the ground Down, down, down search -

Harmony

down your roots in - to the soil in - to the ground Down, down, down search -

Baritone

down your roots in - to the soil in - to the ground Down, down, down search -

Melody

VERSE 2

78

ing for nu - tri - ents and wa - ter all a - round Spring has come

81-84 4 85

Harmony

ing for nu - tri - ents and wa - ter all a - round Spring has come

4

Baritone

ing for nu - tri - ents and wa - ter all a - round Spring has come

4

Melody

86

now's your chance; do your spe - cial grow - ing dance Through the soil

Harmony

now's your chance; do your spe - cial grow - ing dance Through the soil

Baritone

now's your chance; do your spe - cial grow - ing dance Through the soil

Melody

REFRAIN 3

90

work and toil 'til you're big and health - y plants Ni - tro - gen, phos'

Harmony

work and toil 'til you're big and health - y plants Ni - tro - gen, phos'

Baritone

work and toil 'til you're big and health - y plants Ni - tro - gen, phos'

Melody

94

ph'rus, po - tas - si - um: min - er - al foods just fit the bill

ph'rus, po - tas - si - um: min - er - al foods just fit the bill

ph'rus, po - tas - si - um: min - er - al foods just fit the bill

Melody

97

Thanks to green, green chlo - ro-phyll, you'll pho - to - syn - the - sise, you will!

Thanks to green, green chlo - ro-phyll, you'll pho - to - syn - the - sise, you will!

Thanks to green, green chlo - ro-phyll, you'll pho - to - syn - the - sise, you will!

Melody

101

Push, push, push, up to the day - light, Climb, climb, climb, it's time to go

Push, push, push, up to the day - light, Climb, climb, climb, it's time to go

Push, push, push, up to the day - light, Climb, climb, climb, it's time to go

105

Push, push, push don't waste a mo - ment, drink that sun - shine, makes you grow

Harmony

Push, push, push don't waste a mo - ment, drink that sun - shine, makes you grow

Baritone

Push, push, push don't waste a mo - ment, drink that sun - shine, makes you grow

Melody

109

drink that sun - shine, makes you grow drink that sun - shine, makes you ³grow

Harmony

drink that sun - shine, makes you grow drink that sun - shine, makes you ³grow

Baritone

drink that sun - shine, makes you grow drink that sun - shine, makes you ³grow

INTRODUCTION

Oh woh, you barely are a twinkle in a blossom's eye
 Then a bumble bee comes bumbling by - brushes
 Pollen from another's anther onto your stigma when
 She feasts on sweet nectar then
 That pollen makes and takes a long pollen-tube ride
 Down to where the ovule hides deep inside
 The ovary where the gametes fuse into
 The zygote from which you (yes you!)
 Embryo develop into swelling seed
 (Thanks to nourishing endosperm, from which you'll feed)

You'll grow and mature until you're set fair
 To germinate when moisture and air
 And temperature and darkness and bright daylight
 Every need of yours is met just right
 Every need of yours is just met right
 Little seedling, bursting with the spark of life
 Every need of yours is just met right
 Little seedling, live your life!

REFRAIN 1

Push, push, push up to the daylight
 Climb, climb, climb - it's time to go
 Push, push, push - don't waste a moment
 Drink that sunshine, makes you grow
 Push, push, push up to the daylight
 Climb, climb, climb - it's time to go
 Push, push, push - don't waste a moment
 Drink that sunshine, makes you grow

VERSE 1

Seedlings all, hear my song
 Spring and summer don't last long
 Don't delay, grow today
 Drink that sun, grow big and strong

REFRAIN 2

Down, down, down, grow down your roots
 Into the soil, into the ground
 Down, down, down, searching for nutrients
 And water all around

VERSE 2

Spring has come - now's your chance
 Do your special growing dance
 Through the soil work and toil
 'til you're big and healthy plants

REFRAIN 3

Nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium:
 Mineral foods just fit the bill
 Thanks to green, green chlorophyll
 You'll photosynthesise, you will!
 Push, push, push up to the daylight
 Climb, climb, climb - it's time to go
 Push, push, push - don't waste a moment
 Drink that sunshine, makes you grow
 Drink that sunshine, makes you grow
 Drink that sunshine, makes you grow!