

People of the Willows

SSA Chorus, Piano, and Drum and Flute*

T.P.

Tom Porter

Ranges: Soprano I Soprano II Alto



The Mandan Indians, native peoples of what is now central North Dakota, were known as the People of the Willows. In 1804, they hosted the Lewis and Clark expedition for 146 days as they wintered along the Missouri River. Their chief, Sheheke, accompanied Lewis and Clark back to Washington D.C., and referred to Thomas Jefferson as "my brother." Sheheke's promise to Lewis and Clark was, "If we eat, you shall eat. If we starve, you will starve. Our wish is to be at peace with all." The flute may be played on a wooden flute for a more authentic sound.

① With a steady pulse throughout ♩ = ca. 76
Flute

Fl. *mf*

Piano *mp*

Dr. *mf*

4

Dr. (continue two-measure pattern)

Duration: approx. 2:25

*Flute and Drum parts are on pages 15-16.

© 2004 Heritage Music Press, a division of The Lorenz Corporation. All rights reserved. Printed in U.S.A.

Unauthorized reproduction of this publication is a criminal offense subject to prosecution.

THE CCLI LICENSE DOES NOT GRANT PERMISSION TO PHOTOCOPY THIS MUSIC.

7 *unis. mf*

Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, — of - fer - ing a word of

Fl.

10

kind-ness and of peace. —

Fl. *mf*

14

Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

Fl.

17

shar-ing what they have with trav-el-ers in need.

Fl. *mf*

Dr.

20

SII 2

A

On the riv - er,

On the riv - er,

Fl.

P *f*

Dr.

24

SII
we have trav - eled far from our home. On the riv - er,

A
we have trav - eled far from our home. On the riv - er,

Fl.

Dr.

27

SII
far-ther we must go. _____

A
far-ther we must go. _____

Fl.
mf

P
mp

Dr.
(continue two-measure pattern)

6

3

30 SI *mf*
 Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

SII

A *mf*
 Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

Fl.

34 SI
 of-fer-ing a word of kind - ness and of peace. —

SII *mf*
 Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

A
 of-fer-ing a word of kind - ness and of peace. —

Fl. *mf*

37

SI

SII

A

Fl.

Dr.

shar-ing what they have with trav-el-ers in

40

4

SI

SII

A

Fl.

Dr.

f

*If we eat, if we

need.

mf

mf

43

SI eat, you shall eat, you shall eat. For our wish is to

SII

A

Fl. *mp*

Dr.

46

5

SI be at peace with all. Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, — *mp*

SII

A *mf*
Peo - ple of the Wil - lows, —

Fl. *mf*

P *mp*

Dr. (continue two-measure pattern)

49

SI

SII

A

FL.

mf

Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

of-fer-ing a word of kind - ness and of peace. —

52

mp

SI

SII

A

FL.

Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

shar-ing what they have with trav - el - ers in

SI *f* If we eat, if we eat, you shall

SII need. _____ *f* On the riv - er, we have trav - eled

A *f* On the riv - er, we have trav - eled

FL. *f*

Dr. *f*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 55 through 58. It features five vocal parts (SI, SII, A, FL., and Dr.) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: "If we eat, if we eat, you shall need. On the river, we have traveled. On the river, we have traveled." The piano part includes a dynamic marking of *f* and a fermata over the first measure. The drum part consists of a steady pattern of eighth notes.

SI eat, you shall eat. For our wish is to

SII far from our home. On the riv - er,

A far from our home. On the riv - er,

FL.

Dr.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 59 through 62. It features five vocal parts (SI, SII, A, FL., and Dr.) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: "eat, you shall eat. For our wish is to far from our home. On the river, far from our home. On the river,". The piano part includes a dynamic marking of *f* and a fermata over the first measure. The drum part consists of a steady pattern of eighth notes.

7

61

SI
be at peace with all.

SII
far-ther we must go.

A
far-ther we must go.

Fl.
mf

Piano
mp

Dr.
(continue two-measure pattern)

64

SI
mp
Peo-ple of the Wil-lows, —

SII

A
mf
Peo-ple of the Wil-lows, — of-fer-ing a word of

Fl.

Piano

67 *mp*

SI Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

SII *mf* Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

A kind-ness and of peace. —

Fl. *mf*

8

70

SI Peo-ple of the

SII shar-ing what they have with trav - el - ers in need.

A Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

Fl.

Dr.

73

SI
Wil - lows, Wil - low, Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, Wil -

SII
Peo-ple of the Wil-lows, — *mp* Peo-ple of the Wil-lows, —

A
mp Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

Fl.
mp

Dr.

76

SI
p low, Peo - ple of the Wil - lows, — Wil - low, —

SII
Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, — *p* Wil - low, —

A
Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, — *p* Wil - low,

Fl.
mp

Dr.