

People of the Willows

SSA Chorus, Piano, and Drum and Flute*

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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

Duration: approx. 2:25

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

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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 *f*

A *f*

On the riv - er,

On the riv - er,

Fl. *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*

SI

SII

A

Fl.

Dr.

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



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

SI

SII

A

Fl.

mp

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.

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.

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, — Peo-ple of the Wil-lows, —

A
Peo-ple of the Wil - lows, —

Fl.

Dr.

76

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

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

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

Fl.

Dr.