For Boulder Children’s Chorale, CO
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The Seedling

Words and music
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Presto \( \frac{\text{d}}{\text{r}} = 118 \)

Once within the shaded woods

there a little seedling stood.

The djembe enters ms. 25
Nine

As it gazed upward

Eleven

on the sky, upon the towering

Thirteen

trees so high wonder what it

Fifteen

should become if it found earth and

felt the sun?

shall I ever

grow so tall? To be a tree? Is

that my call?"
Vibrantly $\frac{\text{d}}{\text{d}} = 188$

Then a single drop did land, pushed the seed below the land.

Djembe

Vibrantly $\frac{\text{d}}{\text{d}} = 188$

Pushed the seed below the land. Though it did not feel afraid

For Perusal Only
f

For Nature's song was being played.

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fp

Ray and rain and shade below sang a song that

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made it grow, sang a song... that made it grow!
For Nature's
made it grow, sang a song... that made it grow!
For Nature's

song was being played!

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Time passed on through

thaw and spring. And brought
laid below Nature’s song had made it grow. Seed no longer,

roots a-sprout, tiny branches reaching out.

It now did
face the sky with pride

side!

Growing tall yet not alone.

Nature’s song the way had shown, growing tall yet not alone.
Other saplings near it spawned, each one singing, facing

Broadly $\frac{d}{\text{pp}} = 152$

dawn.

molto rit.

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dawn.

molto rit.
A tempo $\frac{\text{-}}{188}$

90

Nurtured forth by ray and

Nurtured forth by ray and

95

rain, the seedling now

rain, the seedling now

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molto rit.

knew its calling plain:

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molto rit.

Slower \( \text{\textit{d} = 84} \)

"Now I'm tall and plainly see I am a tree with roots and leaves."

Slower \( \text{\textit{d} = 84} \)

Presto \( \text{\textit{d} = 118} \)

\( mp \)

Nature's song in rain and ray have

mp

"Nature's song in rain and ray have

molto accel.

Presto \( \text{\textit{d} = 118} \)

* ms. 105-109 optional solo
made me what I am to-day. Strong and kind,

molto rit.

set to bring joy to the world, joy thro’ each song I

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molto rit.

Presto \( \frac{d}{\text{rit.}} = 118 \)

sing.

sing.

sing.

Presto \( \frac{d}{\text{rit.}} = 118 \)