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Ain't You Got a Right to the Tree of Life? (SATB)
(also available SAB)

Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

With driving energy ♩ = 140



Piano

p

f

S

mp Ain' ____ cha god-da right? Ain' _

A

mf Oh, the tree is plant - ed _____ The tree is plant - ed. Ain' _

T

mp Ain' ____ cha god-da right? Ain' _

B

mp Ain' ____ cha god-da right? Ain' _

Pno.

mf

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12

S
— cha god-da right? — Walk in the light; — *mf* ya god-da right to the tree - of life. —

A
— cha god-da Oh, the tree is plant - ed — To pa-ra - dise. Oh, the

T
— cha god-da right? — Walk in the light; —

B
— cha god-da right? — - - - - - Walk in the light; —

Pno.

17

S
mp Ain' — cha god-da right? — Ain' — cha god-da right? —

A
tree is plant - ed — The tree is plant - ed. Ain' — cha god-da Ain' cha tree is plant - ed and it

T
Ain' — cha god-da right? — - - - - - Ain' — cha god-da right? —

B
Ain' — cha god-da right? — - - - - - Ain' — cha god-da right? —

Pno.

32

S just - ice reigns? The tree is plant - ed. Ain' ___ cha god - da right?

A just - ice reigns? Ain' ___ cha god - da right?

T just - ice reigns? Ain' ___ cha god - da right? The tree is plant - ed

B just - ice reigns? Ain' ___ cha god - da right? The tree is plant - ed

Pno.

36

S Down in pa - ra-dise. To rest be - neath the tree of life. ___

A Down. Go tell the lid - dle child - ren, they all ___ god - da right ___ to *p* rest, tree of life. ___

T down in pa - ra-dise. *p* rest, tree of life. ___

B down in pa - ra-dise. *p* rest, tree of life. ___

Pno.

41

S
A
T
B

Jus - tice rolls down a
Jus - tice, jus - tice rolls down a
mf We will not stand si - lent. Nor will we stand still un - til jus - tice rolls like wa - ter down a
mf We will not stand si - lent. Nor will we stand still un - til jus - tice rolls like wa - ter down a

Pno.

47

S
A
T
B

hill, *f* and right - eous - ness shall flow like a might - y stream.
hill, *f* and right - eous - ness shall flow like a might - y stream.
hill, *f* and right - eous - ness shall flow like a might - y stream.
hill, *f* and right - eous - ness shall flow like a might - y stream.

Pno.

62

S
make things right, ___ We got a right ___ to the tree ___ of life. *f* Let free-dom ring! ___

A
make things right, 'cuz we got a right ___ to the tree ___ of life. *f* Let free-dom ring! ___

T
make things right, 'cuz we got a right ___ to the tree ___ of life. *f* Let free-dom ring! ___

B
make things right 'cuz we got a righth ___ to the tree ___ of life. *f* Let free-dom ring! ___

Pno.

67

S
Let free-dom ring! ___ Let just-ice roll ___ down the moun-tain, and right-eous-ness, ___ like a

A
Let free-dom ring! ___ Let just-ice roll ___ down the moun-tain, and right-eous-ness, ___ like a

T
Let free-dom ring! ___ Let just-ice roll ___ down the moun-tain, and right-eous-ness, ___ like a

B
Let free-dom ring! ___ Let just-ice roll ___ down the moun-tain, and right-eous-ness, ___ like a

Pno.

72

S
stream. Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____

A
stream. Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____

T
stream. Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____

B
stream. Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____

Pno.

77

Clap

S
Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____

A
Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____

T
Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____

B
Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____ Let free-dom ring! ____

Pno.

Sopranos clap eighth notes.
Everyone else continues clapping quarter notes on beats 2 and 4 until downbeat of measure 88.

82

Clap

S

A

T

B

Pno.

Let free-dom ring! _____ Let free-dom ring! _____

Let free-dom ring! _____ Let free-dom ring! _____

Let free-dom ring! _____ Let free-dom ring! _____

Let free-dom ring! _____ Let free-dom ring! _____

87

Clap

S

A

T

B

Pno.

Free-dom, free-dom, free-dom ring! *mp* Once u - pon a time the trees — bore strange

Free-dom, free-dom, free-dom ring! *mp* strange

Free-dom, free-dom, free-dom ring! *mp* strange

Free-dom, free-dom, free-dom ring! *mp* strange

112

Clap

S

A

T

B

Pno.

free - dom ring! — Let free - dom ring! — *f* Free-dom, free-dom,

free - dom ring! — Let free - dom ring! — *f* Free-dom, free-dom,

free - dom ring! — Let free - dom ring! — *f* Free-dom, free-dom,

free - dom ring! — Let free - dom ring! — *f* Free-dom, free-dom,

All clap together until end.

116

Clap

S

A

T

B

Pno.

free - dom ring — in my land, my land, my land,

free - dom ring — in my land, my land, my land,

free - dom ring — in my land, my land, my land,

free - dom ring — in my land, my land, my land,

120

Clap

S

A

T

B

Pno.

my land, in my land: Let free-dom ring!

my land, in my land: Let free-dom ring!

my land, in my land: Let free-dom ring!

my land, in my land: Let free-dom ring!

my land, in my land: Let free-dom ring!