

Lay Earth's Burden Down (SSA)

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Clapping

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Piano

Freely, playing chords in response to each spoken phrase

*After sustaining life for a billion years... **p** our Earth is tired... on the brink of collapse. The burden is heavy... and Earth's children must lay it down. Here's the deal:*

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7 $\text{♩} = 125$

S 1

f On the day when we lay this burd-en down, when we lay this burd-en down, _____ gon-na

S 2

f On the day when we lay this burd-en down, when we lay this burd-en down, _____ gon-na

A

f On the day when we lay this burd-en down, when we lay this burd-en down, _____ gon-na

Pno.

f *mf*

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12

S 1
pick up, pick up a gold - en crown when we lay this burd - en down, down, down, when we

S 2
pick up, pick up a gold - en crown when we lay this burd - en down, down, down, when we

A
pick up, pick up a gold - en crown when we lay this burd - en down, down, down, when we

Pno.

16

S 1
lay this burd-en down. We gave the earth a hea - vy burd - en. We got-ta lay it down.

S 2
lay this burd-en down. We gave the earth a hea - vy burd - en. We got-ta lay it down.

A
lay this burd-en down. We gave the earth a hea - vy burd - en. We got-ta lay it down.

Pno.

21

S 1
— The word of warn - ing we ___ have heard and we got-ta heal the sac - red ground, got-ta

S 2
— The word of warn - ing we ___ have heard and we got-ta heal the sac - red ground, got-ta

A
— The word of warn - ing we ___ have heard and we got-ta heal the sac - red ground,

Pno.

26

S 1
lay this burd-en down. ___ The gen-er - a - tions came be - fore ___ us, ___ they

S 2
lay this burd-en down. ___ The gen-er - a - tions came be - fore ___ us, ___ they

A
lay this burd-en down. ___ The gen-er - a - tions came be - fore ___ us, ___ they

Pno.

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30

S 1
would not lay it down. — Now the mis-sion's left to the child-ren's chor-us. We gon-na get up! Ya

S 2
would not lay it down. — Now the mis-sion's left to the child-ren's chor-us. We gon-na get up! Ya

A
would not lay it down. — Now the mis-sion's left to the child-ren's chor-us. We gon-na get up! Ya

Pno.

35

S 1
can't ig - nore us! Child - ren lay the burd - en down. Take it, break it, th'ow _

S 2
can't ig - nore us! Child - ren lay the burd - en down. Take it, break it, th'ow _

A
can't ig - nore us! We got - ta take it, break it, th'ow _

Pno.

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6

49

S 1

high - er,

S 2

high - er,

A

fev - ered pitch goes high - er and high - er. By des - per - a - tion we're in - spir - ed to

Pno.

53

S 1

put the burd - en down. Child - ren, child - ren, take the

S 2

put the burd - en down. Child - ren, child - ren, take the

A

put the burd - en down. Child - ren, child - ren, take the

Pno.

57

S 1
burd-'n. Put ___ it down. Child - ren, child - ren, take it

S 2
burd-'n. Put ___ it down. Child - ren, child - ren, take it

A
burd-'n. Put ___ it down. Child - ren, child - ren, take it

Pno.

61

S 1
th'ow it on the ground. ___ Child - ren, take the burd-'n. Put _

S 2
th'ow it on the ground. ___ Child - ren ev - 'ry where, ___ that ___ we share.

A
th'ow it on the ground. ___ Child - ren ev - 'ry where, ___ that ___ we share.

Pno.

73

Clapping

S 1

S 2

A

Pno.

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le - lu - jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah! when we lay this

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le - lu - jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah! when we lay this

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le - lu - jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah! when we lay this

78

Clapping

S 1

S 2

A

Pno.

burd-en down. Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le - lu - jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry, -

burd-en down. Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le - lu - jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry,

burd-en down. Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le - lu - jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry,

