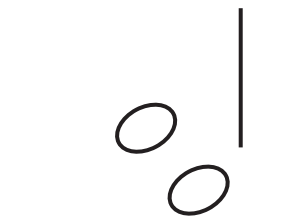
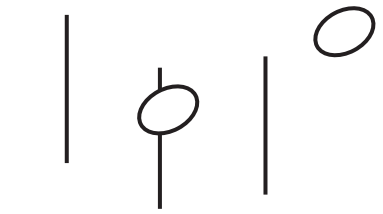
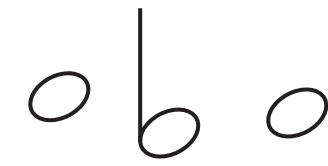


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NHCS 4th Grade Classes

Classroom Cantatas

Neighborhood
House
Charter School

Open a Book



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OPEN A BOOK: FOLKS TALES, MYTHS AND FAIRY TALES

written and performed by

THE FOURTH GRADE
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL
SPRING 2013



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About Classroom Cantatas

These two cantatas were written and performed by the Neighborhood House Charter Schools 4th Grade classes as part of “Classroom Cantatas,” an educational program of Cantata Singers. Working with musicians from Cantata Singers in weekly sessions, the students sang together, discussed the components of song writing, and met in small groups to write new songs. The groups then learned each other’s songs and rehearsed them, resulting in a new cantata, a collection of songs on one topic. The students performed their cantata for other participating urban Boston schools on a field trip to Roland Hayes School of Music in Roxbury where all the cantatas were recorded and put on CD for each student. By performing their cantata for their families, school community and other participating schools, the students experienced the unique accomplishment of sharing original work with an audience. Each student receives a souvenir copy of this piano-vocal score.

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Cantata Singers was founded in 1964 to present what was then a long-neglected repertoire, the cantatas of J.S. Bach. Since that time, the group has expanded its repertoire to include choral works from the seventeenth century to the present day. The Cantata Singers’ recordings and performances can be heard regularly on local and national public radio. For much more about Cantata Singers, visit our website: www.cantatasingers.org.

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Open a Book: Folk Tales, Myths and Fairy Tales

A Cantata

Written by the Fourth Grades Students

Neighborhood House Charter School, Dorchester MA

Spring 2013

CHORALE

STONE SOUP

ZOMO

ANANSI

POSEIDON

PANDORA

MEDUSA

THREE LITTLE PIGS

THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

14

Vo.

kinds _____ The stor-ies, the stor-ies are

Pno.

19

Vo.

fic-tion and have mor-als to tell. Folk tales, myths and fair - ly tales...

Pno.

25

Vo.

O-pen the books, o-pen the books and see that you'll learn. And you may live

Pno.

29

Vo.

hap - pi - ly ev - er af - ter.

Pno.

Stone Soup

Ida, Colin, Andres, Jalen and Ashley
with Susan Navien, Cantata Singers

Allegro

Voice

Once up - on a time, three men walked in - to a vil-lage,

Piano

Vo.

beg - ging for some food. "No, no, no!" said all the vil - la - gers.

Pno.

Vo.

Then we'll make soup from some stones for our-selves!" "But how is that

Pno.

17

Vo. pos - i - ble?" "Plop-pi - ty plop, put the stones in the pot.

Pno.

[Plop, Plop, Plop, Plop,

21

Vo. Stir it up! Stir it up! Ex - cuse me, does

Pno.

[Plop, Plop, Plop, Plop]

25

Vo. an - y - one have salt and pep - per? Stir it up! Stir it up!

Pno.

29

Vo. Car - rots, po - ta - toes, Bar - ley and on - ions Stir it up! Stir it up!

Pno.

33

Vo. cab - bage, to - ma - toes, beef and ci - lan - tro! Stir it up! Stir it up!

Pno.

37

Vo. Fi - nal - ly we fi - nished the soup! Now let's all eat it! [Shurp!] Yum!"

Pno.

41

Vo. "Soup from some stones is pos - si - ble!" Stone

Pno.

44

Vo. Soup is the best but the stones do nuttin'!

Zomo

Alejandro, Anisa, Diego, Janayah and John
with James Dargan, Cantata Singers

Allegretto

Voice

Zo - mo the rab - bit, Zo - mo the rab - bit, Zo mo the rab - bit
Sky God! Sky

Vo.

Zo - mo the rab - bit.
God!

To get wis - dom— you must

Pno.

Vo.

earn it the Sky God said to Zo-mo the rab-bit. To

Pno.

Vo.

earn it you must do three im-pos-si-ble things

Pno.

11

Vo. Scale a big fish from the sea— Milk a wild cow and get a

Pno.

14

Vo. tooth from a leo-pard Laugh-ing at a cow he got the

Pno.

17

Vo. a - ni - mal to charge a tree and Thunk, the cow got stuck and

Pno.

19

Vo. Zo-mo got the milk and with the milk and scales he got the leo-pard to slip and

Pno.

22

Vo. out popped his tooth The Sky God gave Zo-mo his wis-dom!

Pno.

27

Pno.

Anansi The Spider

Jeda, Kadel, Laura, Peter and Vladimir
with Kay Patterson, Cantata Singers

Moderato *f*

Voice

Piano

p *f*

A - nan - si the spi der to A - shan - ti

8

Vo.

Pno.

Six sons had he! and off to save A - nan - si they went! and

mp

13

Vo.

Pno.

they did just that! A - nan - si found a great globe of light in the fo - rest at

mf

19

Vo. home. To the son that saved me, this globe will go. Un - ab - le to de -

Pno.

23

Vo. cide, Ny - ame the God of all things took the light in - to the Sky_____

Pno.

27

Vo. And it was al - ways there for all to see!_____

Pno.

f

Poseidon

Hermela, Dream, Jae Mario, Jaden and Mario
with James Dargan, Cantata Singers

Allegro

Repeat 3x, crescendo

Voice

Piano

Po - sei-don, Po - sei-don, the God of the sea, Po -

Vo.

Pno.

p His eyes pierced the haze and his blue ha - ir streamed in the

S. Rec.

Vo.

Pno.

breeze. A moo-dy and vio-lent vio-lent

f

Vo.

Pno.

god, when he struck the ground the earth trrrrem - bled and

12

Vo. *ope - ned wide; and when he struck the sea winds howled and*

Pno.

15

S. Rec.

Vo. *moun-tain high waves would rise! *mp* But Po - sei - don could al - so be*

Pno.

19

S. Rec.

Vo. *calm stil - ling the sea and rai - sing new lands.*

Pno.

24

S. Rec.

Pno.

Pandora

Adalia, Amilcar, Christian, Christina and Somee
with Kumi Donaghue, Cantata Singers

Allegro
Mysteriously *p*

Voice

Piano

Pan-do - ra, Pan - do - ra was giv - en a box. But

Vo. *mf*

told to nev - er, ev - er op - en the locks. Too cur - ious,

Pno. *mf*

Vo. (Thunderdrum)

she ign - ored her fa - ther Zeus. And

Pno. *p*

22

Vo. op - ened the box, let - ting all the e - vil loose. But

8va 8va 8va 8va

Pno.

28

Vo. as the world was flood - ded with sin, she shut the box and

Pno.

34 rit. (Thunderdrum)

Vo. kept hope in. 8va

Pno. rit. pp

Medusa

Aneaus, Ashley, Jahlissa, Jaelinn and Klein
with Susan Navien, Cantata Singers

Allegro

Voice

Me - du - sa was a beau - ti - ful mai - den, but she

Piano

Vo.

bragged too much of her beau - ty. A - the - na, the god - dess of wis - dom

Pno.

Vo.

was so jeal - lous, And she want - ted to teach her a les - son So Ath -

Pno.

16

Vo. e - na cursed Me - du - sa: turned her hair in - to snakes !

Pno.

20

Vo. and made her a dis - grace. An - y - one who looked at her turned to

Pno.

25

Vo. stone. So Me - du - sa lived all a - lone.

Pno.

Three Little Pigs

Griffin, Jada, Joshua and Kilain
with Kumi Donaghue, Cantata Singers

Allegro *mf*

Voice

The three lit - tle pigs went out to build their

Piano

Vo. **Slower** **Allegro a tempo**

own hous - es. — Straw, sticks and bricks. The big, bad


Pno.


Vo. 16

wolf came. The big, bad wolf came. He huffed and puffed and


Pno.


22

Vo. 
 blew the house down. He huffed and puffed and blew the house down.

Pno. 

29

Vo. 
 He huffed and puffed... but did - n't blow the house down!

Pno. 

mf

18

Vo. placed a pea un-der her mat-tress. Pi - ling twen0 - ty

Pno.

22

Vo. mat-tres-ses a - top of the pea. The prin - cess did-n't sleep

Pno.

26

Vo. well as she felt the pea be - neath her. On - ly a true prin - cess — could be —

Pno.

31

Vo. so sen-si-tive. The prince and the princess — lived hap-pi-ly e - ver af-ter!

Pno.

