

The Toads' Chorus

Notes with "x" heads should be spoken at approximate pitch, in a guttural voice. "brek-ek-ek", "croaketty croak" and "clog grog" should be sung quite roughly and gutturally whenever they are sung rather than spoken. All tempi are flexible and rubato should be used throughout as appropriate.

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Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

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Soprano

Mezzo

Alto

Tenor *mf*
The Toads' Choir will ne- ver tire A - spi- ring to give de -

Baritone *mp* *mf*
brek-ek brek-ek A - spi- ring to give de -

Bass *mp* *mf*
brek-ek brek - ek brek-ek A - spi - ring to

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S *mp* *mf* *f*
brek-ek, Koak, koak, croa-ke-tty croak, e - ve-ry note is

Mez *mp* *mf* *f*
brek-ek, Koak, koak, croa-ke-tty croak, e - ve-ry note is

A *mp* *mp* *f*
brek-ek Koak, koak, croa-ke-tty croak, e - ve-ry note is

T *p* *f*
light. brek-ek brek-ek brek - ek brek - ek e - ve-ry note is

Bar *p* *f*
light. brek-ek brek - ek e - ve-ry note is

B *p* *f*
give de-light. brek-ek brek - ek, e - ve-ry note is

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B

16 *mp* **Moderato** (♩ = c. 100) *p cresc.*

S night. Croa-ke - tty

Mez night. Brek-ek - ek - ek - ek - ek!

A night. Brek-ek - ek - ek - ek - ek!

T night. Brek-ek - ek - ek - ek - ek -

Bar night. Croa-ke - tty croa-ke - tty croak!

B night. Brek-ek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek!

20 *mp cresc.* *mf*

S croa-ke-tty croak! koak croakkoak croakkoakcroak koak This is our *mf*

Mez brek-ek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek! This is our *mf*

A Clog grog clog grog clog grog clog brek-ek - ek! This is our *mf*

T ek! clog grog clog grog clog grog clog This is our *mf*

Bar koak croak koakcroakkoakcroakkoak brek-ek - ek - ek - ek! This is our *mf*

B Brek-ek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek! brek-ek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek! This is our *mf*

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Maestoso (♩ = c. 70)

p cresc. molto

(♩ = ♩)

S
quar - ter - deck. Mum-kin (n), Pump-kin night - ly

Mez
quar - ter - deck. Mum-kin (n) Pump - kin (n)

A
quar - ter - deck. Bump-kin (n), Tump-kin (n)

T
quar - ter - deck. Lump-kin (n) (n), Tump-kin (n) night - ly

Bar
quar - ter - deck. Bump-kin (n)

B
quar - ter - deck. Lump-kin (n)

S
cry: *f* Swell *f* our sto-mach and neck.

Mez
mf brekek-ek-ek-ek - ek! *f*

A
mf brekek-ek-ek-ek - ek! *f*

T
cry: *f* Swell *f* our sto-mach and neck.

Bar
mf brekek-ek-ek-ek - ek! *f*

B
mf brekek-ek-ek-ek - ek! *f*

D

Lugubrioso (♩ = c. 70)
con molto rubato

32 rit.

S

Mez

A

T
8 Bod-kin (n), Pod Eyes host ____ to a

Bar
mp Did-kin (n) brek-ek brek-ek brek-

B
mf Od-kin (n) and I. Eyes host ____ to a

36 (♩ = ♩) (3+3+2) mp

S Eyes host ____ to a sad-nessghost,

Mez brek-ek brek-ek brek-ek brek - ek brek - ek

A brek-ek Eyes host ____ to a sad-nessghost,

T 8 sad-nessghost, mouth that is post - box wide. Mouth that is

Bar ek brek - ek mouth that is post - box wide. Mouth that is

B sad-nessghost, mouth that is post - box wide. Mouth that is

E

Tempo primo (♩ = c. 108)

40 (3+3+2) *mf*

S Quick, lick, cli-cke-tty click, in-sects are flick'd, flick'd, flick'd in -

Mez brek-ek brek-ek *mp* 3 *mf* 3 cli-cke-tty click in-sects are flick'd in -

A *mp* brek-ek koak croak *mf* 3 croa-ke-tty croak clog, grog, flick'd in -

T 8 post - box wide. in-sects are flick'd in -

Bar *mp* post - box wide. *mp* koak croak *mf* 3 croa-ke-tty croak clog, grog, flick'd in -

B *mp* post - box wide. *mf* Quick, lick, cli-cke-tty click, in-sects are flick'd, flick'd, flick'd in -

F

Lugubrioso (♩ = c. 70)

p

44 *mp cresc. poco a poco*

S side. wrin - kled, crin - kled, *mp cresc. poco a poco* 3 cla - mmy cold and

Mez side. *p cresc. poco a poco* 3 Skin in folds and wrin - kled, crin - kled, *mp cresc. poco a poco* 3 cla - mmy cold and

A side. *p cresc. poco a poco* 3 Skin in folds and wrin - kled, crin - kled, *mp cresc. poco a poco* 3 cla - mmy cold and

T 8 side. *p cresc. poco a poco* 3 Skin in folds and wrin - kled, crin - kled, *mp cresc. poco a poco* 3 cla - mmy cold and

Bar side. *mp cresc. poco a poco* 3 cla - mmy cold and

B side. brek-ek!

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S spot be - sprin - kled,

Mez spot be - sprin - kled,

A spot be - sprin - kled,

T Ugh! glug! Slimed as a slug, slimed as a slug our

Bar spot be - sprin - kled, Ugh! glug! Slimed as a slug, slimed as a slug our

B Ugh! glug! Slimed as a slug, slimed as a slug our

f *molto legato*

G

accel.

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S *mp cresc. molto* brek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek! All on our quar - ter - deck.

Mez *mp cresc. molto* brek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek! All on our quar - ter - deck.

A *mp cresc. molto* brek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek! All on our quar - ter - deck.

T *mp cresc. molto* tribe. brek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek! All on our quar - ter - deck.

Bar *mp cresc. molto* tribe. brek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek! All on our quar - ter - deck.

B *mp cresc. molto* tribe. brek - ek - ek - ek - ek - ek! All on our quar - ter - deck.

f *Tempo primo* (♩ = c. 108)

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