

Zing Uh Boo Day

words and music by Allen Koepke

Sprightly ♩ = 115

The musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is for the Piano, marked *mf*. The second staff is for the Soprano (S), the third for the Alto (A), and the fourth for the Bass (B). The vocal parts enter at measure 4. The lyrics are:

The most in - tel - li - gent wom - an in the world had a
most u-nique way of giv-ing ad-vice... Once a psy-chi-a-trist

Measure 4: The piano has eighth-note chords. The vocal parts enter with eighth-note patterns.

Measure 8: The piano has eighth-note chords. The vocal parts continue their eighth-note patterns.

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In 2, slowly $\text{♩} = 90$

came to her, plead-ing:

"What is the mean-ing of

In 2, slowly $\text{♩} = 90$

Tempo I

12

life? Be pre-cise."

She pon-dered a bit, then

Tempo I

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turned with a smile.

"The mean-ing of life, as you'll

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(22) ♩ = 120 Vowels should sound "silly" and exaggerated, with a bright, nasal tone

(no pedal during this section)

hum bid-dle dee oo nuh boo nuh big - el dee do__

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oo guh boo guh loo guh__ foo__ dee woo dee dee daw__

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hum bid-dle dee oo nuh boo nuh zing uh boo day.”__

30 Return to a normal, mature tone
mp rit.

$\text{♩} = 120$



And then he un-der-stood.

And next a

mp rit.

$\text{♩} = 120$

mf

rit.

mf

33

phys-i-cist went to her puz-zled and be-mused. The

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Theo-ry of Rel-a-tiv-i-ty had him quite con-fused.



38

He said, "Ein - stein was a brill-i-ant man, we

molto rit.

know how much he cared that ev' - ry-one should un-der-stand that

molto rit.

molto rit.

A tempo

43

mp

E e-quals M C squared. But most of that is theo-ry, how

mp

A tempo

much of it is true? Con - fu - sion now is ev' - ry - where, so

mf

mf

47 Unis.
sci-ence turns to you." She pon-dered long, her

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mf

mind was sharp, the wheels were spin-ning in her brain. And

mf

mf

52

rit.

then she turned to him and smiled, and sang this great re -

rit.

A musical score for piano in G major, 4/4 time. The left hand plays sustained notes on the bass staff, while the right hand plays eighth-note chords on the treble staff. A ritardando instruction ('rit.') is placed above the first measure of the right-hand part.

56 J. = 120 Vowels again “silly” and exaggerated

(12) = 120 vowels again silly and exaggerated

frain:

“Zee bap zee bap bap

frain: "Zee bap zee bap bap

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A musical score for piano. The top staff is treble clef, B-flat major, 12/8 time. The bottom staff is bass clef, B-flat major, 12/8 time. The bass line consists of eighth-note chords: B-flat major (B-flat, D, G), E-flat major (E-flat, G, B-flat), A major (A, C-sharp, E), and D major (D, F-sharp, A). The dynamic is marked 'f'.

Musical notation for the first line of the song 'Kumbaya'. The top staff shows a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a tempo marking of quarter note = 120. The lyrics are: wing ding fig-gle dee do tee kuh taw kuh tah kuh too. The bottom staff shows a bass clef and a tempo marking of quarter note = 120.

wing ding fig-gle dee do tee kuh taw kuh tah kuh too

A musical score for the first piano part, page 1. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. It features a continuous eighth-note pattern of sixteenth-note pairs. The bottom staff is in bass clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. It features a continuous eighth-note pattern of sixteenth-note pairs.

60

did-dle ee ah dah mee maw— zee bap zee bap bap

wing ding fig-gle dee do tee kuh taw kuh tah kuh too

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64 Return to "normal" tone *mp rit.*

zing uh boo day.— And then he un - der -

mp rit.

rit.

d = 120

67

stood.

So now we know just what to do when

d = 120

mf

perplexed and confused. Well, the old special technique, and

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e - ven be a - mused. And don't you feel much bet - ter now? The

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About the composer

Allen Koepke (b. 1939) has over sixty published compositions and is a well-known conductor, adjudicator, and clinician. For three years the Composer in Residence for Orchestra Iowa, he is also the composer of two stage musicals. His awards include "Iowa Professor of the Year," "Innovator of the Year," and the Robert M. McCowan Award "... for outstanding contribution to choral music . . ." Prior to his "retirement" he was an educator in the public schools for twenty years and college for sixteen years. Recently he has served as an adjunct faculty member in three Iowa colleges, and retired from his church choir responsibilities after 54 continuous years. Three of his premieres include the "Finale" for the 50th Iowa All-State Music Festival celebration, the Iowa Sesquicentennial, and a 1995 Carnegie Hall premiere written for chorus and orchestra. Allen resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Ft. Myers, Florida.

About the piece

Composer/poet Koepke has created a strictly for fun bit of nonsense with this "meaning of life" spoof. The nonsense syllables form the refrain as they answer life's difficult questions—emphasize these ridiculous words with equally ridiculous tone quality. Feel the rhythmic drive, add high energy, and "zing" out having a great time as you deliver this fun piece.

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