

hist whist

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music by
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About the composer

Patrick Baker graduated from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in 2017, where he studied under Carl Vine. He has participated in workshops with some of Australia's leading composers and ensembles, including Paul Stanhope, Stephen Leek, Song Company, and Luminescence Chamber Singers. His music is performed regularly by schools and choirs the world over, including in radio broadcast. For more information about him or his works, please visit his website: www.patbaker.co

Performance notes

- The choir should feel free, and is indeed encouraged, to incorporate actions, movement, and props into their performance of this piece. Some performance instructions have been given above the vocal staves in boxed text. This being said, any actions performed should not interfere with the quality of performance.
- Where a wavy line follows a performance instruction, the line indicates the duration.
- All boxed material within a stave indicates an aleatoric section. Instructions are given adjacent to each box. A wavy line indicates the duration of the material.
- Where there is boxed text instead of lyrics, a sound effect is wanted. The boxed text describes the sound desired.

Ranges



S A

hist whist

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little ghostthings
tip-toe
twinkle-toe

little twitchy
witches and tingling
goblins
hob-a-nob hob-a-nob

little hoppy happy
toad in tweeds
tweeds
little itchy mousies

with scuttling
eyes rustle and run and
hidehidehide
whisk

whisk look out for the old woman
with the wart on her nose
what she'll do to yer
nobody knows

for she knows the devil ooch
the devil ouch
the devil
ach the great

green
dancing
devil
devil

devil
devil

wheeEEE

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twin-kle toe lit-tle twitch-ing witch-es and tin-gling

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f *sub. p*

14

p *f* *f rambunctiously*

gob-lins hob-nob hist whist

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f *f rambunctiously*

f

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20 *mf* *f*

lit-tle twitch-ing witch-es and tin-gling_ gob-lins

mf *f* *f*

toe lit-tle twitch-ing witch-es and tin-gling_ gob-lins hob-a-nob

mf *f* *mf*

tr *corde*

23 *p* *ghostly* *f* *f*

oo

p *f* *f* *f*

hob-a-nob hob-a-nob hob-a-nob hob-a-nob

25 *mf* *p* *mf* *mf*

lit-tle hop-py hap-py toad in

hob-a-nob lit-tle hop-py hap-py toad in

mf

28 *conspiratorially*

tweeds *croaking noise* tweeds *conspiratorially*

tweeds tweeds

sfz *mf* *sfz*

31 *p*

lit - tle itch - y mous ies with scut - tl - ing

p

plopping noise lit - tle itch - y mous - ies with

p

una corda

34 *rub hands together*

eyes rus - tle and run rus - tle and run

rub hands together

scut - tl - ing eyes rus - tle and run rus - tle and

sfz *p*

37

rus-tle and run and

run rus-tle and run and

ppp

f

8va

8va

cresc.

40

f panicked whisper

hide hide hide

whisk look left

f panicked whisper

hide hide hide

whisk look left

whisk

f

8va

8va

cresc.

44

mf not so panicked

hide hide hide

whisk look right

f shout

look out

mf not so panicked

hide hide hide

whisk look right

f shout

look

f

p

cresc.

PREVIEW

48

f look out for the old wom - an with the *mp*

out look out for the old wom - an with the *mp*

p *f*

51

wart on her nose what she'll *f*

wart on her nose what she'll *f*

mp *p* *f*

54

do to yer no - bod - y knows *mp* look *f*

do to yer no - bod - y knows *mp* look *f*

mp *mf*

57

S *mp*
out for the old wom - an with the wart on her nose

SA *f* *mp*
look out for the old wom - an with the wart on her nose

A *f* *mp*
look out for the old wom - an with the wart on her nose

61

f *mp*
what she'll do to yer no - bod - y knows

mp
what she'll do to yer no - bod - y

f
what she'll do to yer

sim.

64

for she knows

knows for she knows

mp no - bod - y knows for she knows the *sub. p*

p *sub. p*

68

faux pain the dev - il

faux pain ouch the

dev - il

f *p* *f* *p*

71

p menacing

the great green danc -

p menacing

dev-il the great green danc -

p menacing

ach the great green danc -

faux pain

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sub. p

- ing dev-il dev-il

ff

wheeEEE

sub. p

- ing dev-il dev-il

ff

wheeEEE

sub. p

- ing dev-il dev-il

ff

wheeEEE

tr

f

ff

