

Commissioned by the Milwaukee Choristers, James Benjamin Kinchen, Jr., conductor

April Rain Song

Langston Hughes (1902–67)

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Somewhat slowly, never hurried ♩ = c. 60–64 **poco rit.**

SOPRANO 1
p Let the rain kiss you. *mp* Let the rain beat up on your

SOPRANO 2
p Let the rain kiss you. *mp* Let the rain beat up on your

ALTO
p Let the rain beat up on your

TENOR
p Let the rain kiss you. *mp* Let the rain beat up on your

BASS
mp Let rain

for rehearsal only

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p *mp*

a tempo poco rit.

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head with sil - ver li - quid drops.

head with sil - ver li - quid drops.

head with sil - ver, sil - ver li - quid drops.

head with sil - ver, with sil-ver li - quid drops.

beat up-on your head with sil - ver li - quid drops.

a tempo poco rit.

a tempo

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Let the rain sing you a lul - la - by,

Let the rain sing you a lul - la - by,

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Let the rain sing you a lul - la - by,

a tempo

13 *mf dolce* **poco rit.**
p
 a lul - la - by, sing you a lul - la - by.
mf dolce *p*
 a lul - la - by, sing you a lul - la - by.
mf dolce *p*
hm a lul - la - by, sing a lul - la - by.
mf dolce *p*
 a lul - la - by, sing you a lul - la - by.
mf dolce *unis. p*
 a lul - la - by, sing a lul - la - by.
poco rit.
mf *p*

17 **a tempo**
 The rain makes still pools
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 The rain makes still pools
a tempo

poco trattenuto**ritard.**

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mf sleep - song on our roof at night.

mf sleep - song on our roof at night, at night.

mf sleep - song on our roof at night.

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mf sleep - song on our roof at night.

poco trattenuto **ritard.**

a tempo**poco rit.**

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mp And I love the rain, I love the

mp And I love the rain, ...love the

mp And I love the rain, I love the

mp I love the rain, ...love the

mp I love the rain, I love the

dolce, simply

dolce, simply

dolce, simply

dolce, simply

dolce, simply

dolce, simply

a tempo **poco rit.**

a tempo, quietly

35

p *più p*

rain, and I love, I love the

p

rain, I love,

mp espress.

rain, and I love the rain,

p

rain, the rain,

rain, the rain,

a tempo, quietly

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slower ritard. *pp*

rain.

più p *pp*

and I love the rain.

più p *pp*

and I love the rain.

più p *pp*

and I love, I love the rain.

più p and I love the rain.

I love the rain.

slower ritard. *pp*