

Commissioned by Dr. Marta McCarthy for the University of Guelph Choirs
Dedicated to Edna's family - farmers in Lethbridge, Alberta

The Farmer Needs the Rain

Roy Forbes, aka "Bim"
arr. Larry Nickel

Swing Blues ♩ = 76

Piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked *f*. The right hand (r.h.) features chords and triplets, while the left hand (l.h.) plays a rhythmic triplet pattern. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

First system of the score, starting at measure 4. It includes vocal lines for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Oo, the farm-er needs the rain arm-er needs the heat; needs it in-". The piano part includes triplets and a key change to 2/4 time at the end of the system.

Second system of the score, starting at measure 7. It includes vocal lines for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "— the prop- to grow a field of wheat. But when the wind keeps a-blow-in', blow-in'". The piano part includes triplets and a key change to 2/4 time at the end of the system.

10

mp 3 3 *ssa* 3

ev-'ry-thing a - way, you can bet yer boots the farm-er's gon-na pay.

ev-'ry-thing a - way, you can bet yer boots the farm-er's gon-na

14

B *sarcasm*

Sopranos *f* Ah, the gov-ern-mer they tell you what to plant. You

Altos *f* Ah, the is help-ful; they tell you what to plant. You

17

take it they turn-a round and say, "No thanks!" And then the cops pull you o-ver right in

take in to town, they turn-a round and say, "No thanks!" And then the cops pull you o-ver right in

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4
20

front of the bank. — They just wan-na see if you've got pur-ple gas — in your tank. And then the

front of the bank. — They just wan-na see if you've got pur-ple gas — in your tank. And then the

S, A

Tenors

Basses in

mf *f* *mf* *f* *mp* *f*

24 C

cre-dit man comes to see you_ at the break of — He might have to take the truck if you can't pay

cre-dit man comes to see you_ at — Jay. — He might have to take the truck if you can't pay

mp *f*

27

— way. — You look to - ward the sky; All your pray - in' in vain?

— right a - way. — You look to - ward the sky; All your pray - in' in vain?

f

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30 **D** *emote* *mp*

We got a lot o' bills to pay. — The

When do we get break? — The

p

33 *rit.* *dolce*

farm-er needs, the farm-er needs the rain. It's a -

farm-er needs, the farm-er needs the It's a -

a cappella

36 **E** *rubato* *sostenuto*

Lin-da's out sell-ing tup-per ware the

no-ther dry sun- down, — na - vy blue and red. — Oo...

no-ther dry sun- down, — na - vy blue and red Oo...

solo or all sopranos *altos*

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6
40

kids are tucked in bed. the ra-di-o is crack-lin' and the trac-tor's in the shed. and I am

Oo... Oo...

Oo... Oo...

44

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think-in''bout some things my fath-er said.

Oo... "The farm-er needs the rain and the

Oo... He said, "The farm-er needs the rain and the

mf

48

farm-at; needs it in the prop-er or - der to grow a field of wheat. But when the

farm-er needs the heat; needs it in the prop-er or - der to grow a field of wheat. But when the

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Straight Swing

mp

51

wind keeps a-blow-in', blow-in' ev-'ry-thing a - way, — you can bet yer boots the farm-er's gon-na

wind keeps a-blow-in', blow-in' ev-'ry-thing a - way, you can bet .arm-er's gon-na

55

pay. And then the cre-dit man com — at the break of day. — He might

pay. And then the cr s to see you — at the break of day. — He might

f **G**

58

have ck if you can't pay — right a - way. You look to-ward the sky; All your

have to take the truck if you can't pay — right a - way. You look to-ward the sky; All your

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61 *mp* **H** *mf*

pray-in' in vain? We got a lot a bills to pay. The

pray-in' in vain? When do break? The

p

65 *poco rit.* *full warm sound* *rit.*

farm-er needs, the farm-er needs the rain. o' bills to pay. When do we get a break? The

farm-er needs, the farm-er needs the rair e got a lot o' bills to pay. When do we get a break? The

69

farm-er needs, the farm-er needs the rain. Hmm

farm-er needs, the farm-er needs the rain. Hmm

f