

Dem Bones

For SATB chorus, unaccompanied

Adapted from Ezekiel 37

Traditional
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Swing

S
A

unison
f

Oh, the hand of the Lord... was up - on me... and He

T
B

3 4

brought me to the mid - dle of a val - ley. Well, I

unison f

5 6 *div.* 7

could - n't be - lieve... what I saw there... the to - tal de - sta - tion of an

8 9 10

ar - my. *Dem bones, dem bones, dem

div. *p*

now sound (sound effects optional throughout)

11 12 13 14

dry bones, Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones, Dem bones, dem bones, dem

15 16 17 *f unison*

dry bones, Now hear the word of the Lord. Then He

18 19 20

told me to talk... to the grave-yard: "If you proph - e - sy, a mir - a - cle will

slap thighs softly on 2 & 4

*Dem: close to the "m" immediately, and sing through the consonant

21 22 23 *div.*

(close to the "n" immediately)
hap-pen." So I spoke ev-'ry word—the Lord com-mand-ed,— And

unison f

24 25 26 *p*

wooden wind chimes *end thigh slaps*

sud-den-ly I heard the bones a-rat-tlin'. E-

(close to the "n" immediately) *div.*

27 28 29

zek-iel con-nect-ed them dry bones.— E-zek-iel con-nect-ed them dry,

30 31 32 *mf*

dry bones.— E-zek-iel con-nect-ed them dry bones.— Now

33 34 35 *ppp*

hear the word of the Lord. The foot bone con-nect-ed to the

ppp

36 37 38 *p*

an-kle bone, The an-kle bone con-nect-ed to the shin bone, The

pp (sh; close to the "n" immediately)

39 40 41 *mp*

shin bone con-nect-ed to the knee bone, The knee bone con-nect-ed to the

mp

42 43 44 *f*

thigh bone, The thigh bone con-nect-ed to the hip bone, The

mf *f*

45 46 47 *xylophone gliss.*

hip bone con-nect-ed to the back bone, The back bone con-nect-ed to the

48 49 50 *rachet*

shoul-der, The shoul-der con-nect-ed to the neck bone, The

51 neck bone con-nect-ed to the head bone. Now

52 *triangle* *ff*

Swing! (laid way back)

53 hear the word of the Lord. Dem a bones, a dem a bones a gon-na

54 *mf* 55 *mf*

56 walk a-round. Dem a bones, a dem a bones a gon-na walk a-round. Dem a

57 *f* 58 *mf*

59 bones, a dem a bones a gon-na walk a-round. Now hear the word of the

60 *ff* 61 *ff*

62 Lord. The head bone con-nect-ed to the neck bone, The

63 *triangle* 64 *rachet*

65 neck bone con-nect-ed to the shoul-der, The shoul-der con-nect-ed to the

68 *xylophone gliss.* 69 *mf* 70 *mf*

back bone, The back bone con-nect-ed to the hip bone, The

71 hip bone con-nect-ed to the thigh bone, The thigh bone con-nect-ed to the

72 *mp* 73 *mp*

74 knee bone, The knee bone con-nect-ed to the shin bone, The

75 *p* 76 *pp*

77 shin bone con-nect-ed to the an-kle bone, The

78 *ppp*

79 80 *mf* 81

an - kle bone con - nect - ed to the foot bone, Now hear the word of the

82 *mp* 83 84 85

Lord. Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones, Dem bones, dem bones, dem

86 87 88 89

dry bones, Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones, Now hear the word of the

Full "legit" choral sound

90 *mf* *legato* 92 93 94

Lord. Breathe on me, breath of God.

95 96 *rit.* 97 98 99

Fill me with life a new. Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones.

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