

Choir

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THE WOMAN AND HER BEAR

An Inuit Legend

Ēriks Ešenvalds
rall. (*1977)

Misterioso ♩ = 56

Choir I

S

A

Choir II

T

B

p

Long a - go in the far__ north, there lived a peo-ple on the ic - y shores of the

p

Mm _____ of the

5

a tempo

p

mp

Choir I

S

A

Choir II

S

A

T

B

Mm _____

Mm _____

Arc - tic. Mm _____

Arc - tic. Mm _____

Mm _____

Mm _____

p

mp

p

mp

13

p

Choir I

S

A

p

Oh

p unis.

S

A

p unis.

Oh

Choir II

T

p

Oh

B

p

Oh

A wid - ow there lived a - lone. She had no hus - band, nor sons to

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Choir I

S

A

mp

S

mp

Choir II

T

mp

B

mp

hunt or fish for her. She of - ten walked a - long the shore, pray - ing that the gods might send her a

Choir

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Choir I

S

mp
Mm-Oh-Mm change gradually

Mm Oh Mm Oh Mm

A

unis.

gods might send her a son. _____

Mm Oh Mm Oh Mm

mp
Mm-Oh-Mm change gradually

S

son. _____

Mm _____ Oh Mm Oh Mm _____

mp
Mm-Oh-Mm change gradually

A

Mm _____ Oh Mm Oh Mm _____

mp
Mm-Oh-Mm change gradually

Choir II

T

Mm Oh Mm Oh Mm _____

mp
Mm-Oh-Mm change gradually

B

Mm Oh Mm Oh Mm _____

mp
Mm-Oh-Mm change gradually