

### Tempo primo, lento recitativo

45 Soprano Solo *mp*

In the lone-ly si - lent pla- ces, Men lift up their glad, wet

Meta voce

*div. ppp* *Ooo*

*div. ppp* *Ooo*

*div. ppp* *Ooo*

*div. ppp* *Ooo*

Meta voce

*ppp*

47 *mf* *mf* *ff*

faces, And their thanks\_ need no\_ explaining— For it's raining—raining—raining!

*ppp* *Ooo*

Duration 3' 05"

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*A Song of Rain* was commissioned by Dr. Yip's Children's Choir (Hong Kong) for their 1986 tour of Australia. Its text reflects the desperate importance of rain in a dry land, where rivers are temporary and droughts last for years.

**Pronunciation note:** the penultimate "a" in "Oodnadatta" "Boocomatta" is pronounced as is "hat." The "er" in "patter" is an r-less schwa.