

Bring Me Little Water, Silvy

By Huddie Ledbetter (Leadbelly)
Arr. by Moira Smiley

SSA + body percussion

Huddie William Ledbetter (January 1888 – December 6, 1949) wrote some of the most beloved American songs while he performed and wrote in his own folk blues style. He recorded for the Lomax Collections, and became famous with the lefty folk movement of the 1930s and 1940s. This song was said to have been written about his Uncle and Uncle's wife, Silvy – this version takes much of its musical choices from Sweet Honey in the Rock's version. Body percussion is adapted from choreography of Evie Ladin.

This trio format has a smaller range than Moira's SSAA and SATB arrangement. This may be especially preferable for young voices, and any groups who prefer to sing in close, one octave harmony.

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