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I love the sweet image in Kate Louise Brown's poem *The Little Plant* of the seed waking up and somehow knowing inside that it's time to grow. This felt like the perfect metaphor for children growing up and venturing out into the "wonderful outside world." I've added to the original poem, and one of the new lines I especially like is, "Feel the music of the rain and the earth below" as to me, the rain often sounds like music that invites us to just listen.

Here are some related ideas for working on this piece with your singers:

Listening activity: singers can close their eyes and listen to all the different sounds in the room as they sit silently. This could also lead to a discussion about what other sounds they find in nature that could be nature's music, or even an outdoor listening activity.

Analysis activity: a "scavenger hunt" to find different dynamics and discussion about how the different dynamics bring meaning to the story. For example, at measures 61 and 72, the music gets quieter as the little plan begins to emerge for the first time. What could those different dynamics mean in the story?

— Laura Hawley

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For SA Choir and Piano

Kate Louise Brown  
With additional lyrics by Laura Hawley

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Brightly ♩ = 132 (feel in 2)

*mf*

1 *Reo.* 2 *Reo.* 3 *Reo.*

4 *Reo.* 5 *Reo.* 6 *Reo.*

Soprano *mf*

In the heart of a seed bur-ied

7 *Reo.* 8 *Reo.* 9 *Reo. simile, harmonically*

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deep, so deep, \_ a dear lit - tle plant lay fast a-sleep. \_

Alto *mf*

In the

10 11 12

heart of a seed bur-ied deep, so deep, \_ a dear lit - tle plant lay

13 14 15

It dreamed of the sun shin-ing warm and bright, \_ then a -

fast a-sleep. \_ It dreamed of the sun shin-ing warm and bright, \_ then a -

16 17 18

long came the mes-sage when the time was right: \_

long came the mes-sage when the time was right: \_ *mp* "Wake up, wake up, wake up, \_

19 20 21

*mp* "Wake up, wake up, wake up, \_ *mf* Wake up, wake up, wake up, \_

*mf* Wake up, wake up, wake up, \_

22 23 24

wake up, wake up," \_ said the sun - shine,

wake up, wake up, wake up," \_ said the sun - shine,

25 26 27 *mp*

*Red.* *Red.* *Red.* *Red.*

“and go to the light.” -

“and go to the light.” -

*mf*

*ad lib.*

28 29 30 31

*mf*

In the heart of a seed bur-ied deep, so deep, - a

32 33 34

dear lit-tle plant lay fast a-sleep. -

*mf*

In the heart of a seed bur-ied

35 36 37

It  
 deep, so deep, - a dear lit-tle plant lay fast a-sleep, - It

38 39 40

dreamed in the soil of a time to grow, - feel the mu-sic of the rain and the  
 dreamed in the soil of a time to grow, - feel the mu-sic of the rain and the

41 42 43

earth be-low. - "Wake up, wake up, wake up, -  
 earth be-low. - "Wake up, wake up, wake up, -

44 45 46

Wake up, wake up, wake up, — wake up, wake up, wake up, —

— Wake up, wake up, wake up, — wake up, wake up, —

47 48 49

— said the rain - drops, — and hear — our song. —

— said the rain - drops, — and hear our song. —

50 51 52

La la la la la la la la la — la la la la — la la la la —

La la la la la la la la la — la la la la — la la la la —

53 54 55 56

La la la la la la la la la la la la la la

La la la la la la la la la la la la la la

57 58 59 60

la *mp* The lit-tle plant heard

61 62 63 64

*mp* what the won-der-ful out -

and it rose to see what the won-der-ful out -

*p*

65 66 67



79 80 81

“Wake up, wake up, wake up, \_\_\_

“Wake up, wake up, Wake up, wake up, wake up, \_

82 83 84

Wake up, wake up, wake up, \_\_\_

wake up, wake up, wake up, \_\_\_

Wake up, wake up, wake up, \_\_\_

wake up, wake up, \_\_\_

85 86 87

said the sun - shine, said the earth, \_\_\_

said the rain - drops, \_\_\_ said the earth, \_\_\_

“and go to the light.” —

“and go to the light.” —

*mf*

88 89 90

*mp*

In the heart of a seed bur-ied

*mp*

In the heart of a seed bur-ied

*mp*

91 92 93

*poco rit.*

deep, so deep, a dear lit-tle plant lay fast a-sleep. —

*p*

deep, so deep, a dear lit-tle plant lay fast a-sleep. —

*p*

*poco rit.*

*p*

94 95 96 97