

# WOODS

for male choir a cappella

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BON IVE

**Arrangement: HENRIK DAHLGREN**  
(2022)

PERUSAL SCORE

## PROGRAMME NOTES

This arrangement was written for the Swedish male choir Svanholm Singers' conceptual concert about mental health, loneliness, and the search for happiness in our time called "SJÄLV".

This arrangement was premiered at St Andrews Cathedral, Aberdeen in 2023 by Svanholm Singers and their conductor Sofia Söderberg.

Henrik Dahlgren

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## TEXT

*I'm up in the woods, I'm down on my mind  
I'm building a sill to slow down the time*

Justin Vernon (1981 - )

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## PERFORMANCE NOTES

- The arrangement could (depending on the soloist) be sung as written, or in the original key of D sharp minor.
- The tempo should be strict, with no fluctuations, except for the ending ritardando. The feel should be that of singing to a metronome, or click track.
- The reprise m. 68-75 may be done 2-3 times. The soloists may be free to improvise during the 2nd and 3rd reprise. This should always be done with moderation.
- The ending note in m. 68 should be kept short.

..... = No breath (or gap) between the notes).

\* = Sing with the consonant.

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Duration c. 6 minutes

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Strict in tempo (♩ = c. 72)

SOLO 1

SOLO 2

SOLO 3

TENOR

BASS

*p*

Solo 3 only.

I'm up in the woods, \_\_\_

I'm down on \_\_\_ my mind,

4

Solo 2

Solo 3

I'm buil-ding a still \_\_\_ to

8

Solo 2

Solo 3

slow down the time.

Solo 2 & 3.

I'm up in the woods,

12

Solo 2

Solo 3

I'm down on \_\_\_ my mind, \_\_\_

15

Solo 2

Solo 3

m buil-ding a still \_\_\_ to slow down the time.

19

Solo

*mp*

I'm up in the woods, \_\_\_

Solo 2

Solo 3

*mp*

I'm up in the woods, \_\_\_

23

Solo 1 I'm down on\_ my mind, I'm buil-ding a still

Solo 2 I'm down on\_ my mind, I'm buil-ding a still.

Solo 3 I'm down on\_ my mind, I'm buil-ding a still.

26

Solo 1 to slow down\_ the time

Solo 2 to slow down\_ the time.

Solo 3 to slow down\_ the time.

31

Solo 1 I'm up in the woods, I'm down on\_ my mind,

Solo 2 I'm up in the woods, I'm down on\_ my mind,

Solo 3 I'm up in the woods, I'm down on\_ my mind,

B *Solo ad. lib.*  
*mp* I'm up in the woods, I'm down on\_ my mind,

34

Solo 1 I'm buil-ding a still\_ to

Solo 2 I'm buil-ding a still\_ to

Solo 3 I'm buil-ding a still\_ to

B I'm buil-ding a still\_ to

*2 solo voices ad. lib.*

38

Solo 1 slow down\_ the time.

Solo 2 slow down\_ the time.

Solo 3 slow down\_ the time.

B slow down\_ the time.



41 *mf*

Solo 1 I'm up in the woods, I'm down on my mind,

T *mf*  
I'm up in the woods, I'm down on my mind,

B **Tutti.**

44

Solo 1 I'm building a still (II) to

T I'm building a still (II\*) to

B

48

Solo 1 slow down the time. (m)

Solo 2 *mp*

Solo 3 I'm

T slow down the time. (m\*)

B

51

Solo 2  
Solo 3

up in the woods, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm down on my mind, \_\_\_\_\_

T

I'm up in the woods, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm down on my mind, \_\_\_\_\_

B

54

Solo 2  
Solo 3

I'm buil-ding a still \_\_\_\_\_ (ll) to slow \_\_\_\_\_

T

I'm buil-ding a still \_\_\_\_\_ (ll\*) to

B

58

Solo 1

I'm up in the woods, \_\_\_\_\_

Solo 2  
Solo 3

down the time. \_\_\_\_\_ (m) I'm

T

down the time. \_\_\_\_\_ (m\*)

B

61

Solo 1: I'm down on my mind,

Solo 2: up in the woods,

Solo 3: m

T: I'm up in the woods,

B:

63

Solo 1: I'm buil - ding a still\_

Solo 2: down on my mind,

Solo 3: I'm

T: I'm down on my mind,

B:

65

Solo 1: to slow down

Solo 2: buil - ding a still

Solo 3: to slow

T: I'm buil - ding a still (II\*) to

B:

The reprise m. 68-75 may be done 2-3 times. The soloists may be free to improvise during the 2nd and 3rd reprise.

67

Solo 1: the time. *ff* I'm up in the woods,

Solo 2: down the time. (m) I'm

Solo 3: slow down the time. (m\*)

T: *ff* I'm up in the woods,

B: I'm up in the woods,

69

Solo 1: I'm down on my mind,

Solo 2: up in the woods, I'm

Solo 3: *ff* I'm in the woods,

T: I'm down on my mind,

B: I'm down on my mind,

71

Solo 1: I'm building a still

Solo 2: down on my mind, I'm

Solo 3: I'm down on my mind,

T: I'm building a still,

B: I'm building a still,





73

Solo 1  
to slow down the ti

Solo 2  
Solo 3  
buil-ding a still to slow down the time.

T  
I'm buil-ding a still to slow down the

B  
buil-ding a still to slow down the

76

Solo 1  
I'm up in the woods,

Solo 2  
Solo 3

T  
time. I'm up in the woods,

B  
time.

79

Solo 1  
I'm down on my mind, I'm buil-ding a still.

T  
I'm down on my mind, I'm buil-ding a still.

B



82

Solo 1

T

B

to slow down the time.

to slow down the time.

to slow down the time.

86

Solo 1

Solo 2

Solo 3

T

B

*mp*

I'm up in the woods, I'm down on my mind,

89

Solo 1

Solo 2

Solo 3

T

B

I'm building a still

92

Solo 1

Solo 2

Solo 3

*p*

*rit.*

to slow down the time.

to slow down the time.

to slow down the time.

