

OVER THE RAINBOW

as sung by the Second Edition

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Music by HAROLD ARLEN
Arrangement by ED WAESCHE

Verse *freely*

Tenor Lead

8

1 2 3

When all the world is a hope - less jum - ble and the rain - drops tum - ble all a -

Bari Bass

8

4 5 6 7 8

round, — heav - en o - pens a mag - ic lane, mag - ic lane.

Bari Bass

And

8

9 10 11

When all the clouds dark - en up the sky - way, there's a rain - bow high - way to be

Bari Bass

when

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12 13 14 15 16

found, — lead - ing from your win - dow pane to a place be - hind the

sun, — doo - yond the rain, the rain.

sun, — doo just a step be - yond the rain. — the rain.

sun, — doo - yond the rain, the rain.

17 18 19 20

sun, — doo - yond the rain, the rain.

sun, — doo just a step be - yond the rain. — the rain.

sun, — doo - yond the rain, the rain.

Chorus

21 22 23 24

Some - where o - ver the rain - bow, 'way up high, —

25 26 27 28

there's a land that I heard of once in a lul - la - by. —

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Some - where

29 30 31 32

Some - where o - ver the rain - bow skies are blue,

Some - where

33 34 35 36

and the dreams that you dare to dream real-ly do . . . Some-

come true.

37 38 39

day I'll wish up - on a star and wake up where the clouds are far be - hind me.

be - hind,

40 41 42

Where trou-bles melt like lem - on drops, a - way a-bove the chim-ney tops, that's

doo

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43 44 (b) 45 46

where you'll find me. Some - where o - ver the rain - bow

Detailed description: This system contains measures 43 through 46. The melody is in a key with two flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and a 3/4 time signature. Measure 43 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to two flats. Measure 44 has a first ending bracket. Measure 45 has a repeat sign. Measure 46 ends with a double bar line. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

47 48 49 (b) 50

blue - birds fly. Birds fly o - ver the rain - bow.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 47 through 50. The melody continues with a treble clef and two flats. Measure 48 has a first ending bracket. Measure 49 has a first ending bracket. Measure 50 ends with a double bar line. The bass line continues with chords and moving lines.

51 (b) 52 53

Why then, oh, why can't I? doo

I? doo

Detailed description: This system contains measures 51 through 53. The melody is in a key with two flats and 3/4 time. Measure 51 has a first ending bracket. Measure 52 has a first ending bracket. Measure 53 has a first ending bracket and an 'x' mark above it. The bass line continues with chords and moving lines.

54 55 56

yond the rain-bow, why, oh, why can't I? why can't I?

I? why can't I?

Detailed description: This system contains measures 54 through 56. The melody is in a key with two flats and 3/4 time. Measure 54 has a first ending bracket. Measure 55 has a first ending bracket. Measure 56 ends with a double bar line. The bass line continues with chords and moving lines.

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Optional key change

44 find — me. 45 Some - where 46 o - ver the rain - bow

47 blue - birds fly. 48 Birds fly 49 o - ver the rain - bow. 50

51 Why then, oh, why can't I? I? 52 I? 53 If hap - py lit - tle blue-birds fly be - doo.

54 yond the rain - bow, why, oh, why can't I? I, why can't I? 55 I? 56 I?

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Performance Notes

Over the Rainbow, from the timeless movie **The Wizard of Oz**, won an Academy Award for composer Harold Arlen and lyricist E.Y. "Yip" Harburg in 1939. Born Hyman Arluck in Buffalo, N.Y., Arlen (1905-86) gave the world such hits as *Stormy Weather*, *I Gotta Right to Sing the Blues*, *I've Got the World on a String*, *Blues in the Night* and *Come Rain or Come Shine*. Yip Harburg (1896-1981), born Isidore Hochberg in New York City, penned the lyrics to numerous popular classics, including *It's Only a Paper Moon*, *April in Paris*, *If This Isn't Love* and *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?*

Over the Rainbow was initially deleted from the film after a preview because MGM head Louis B. Mayer and producer Mervyn LeRoy felt that it "slowed down the picture" and "[sounded] like something for Jeanette MacDonald, not for a little girl singing in a barnyard." However, the persistence of associate producer Arthur Freed and Garland's vocal coach/mentor, Roger Edens, finally carried the day.

Ed Waesche was a premier arranger, coach, quartet singer, certified Arrangement and Music judge, and president of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Among Ed's other many fine arrangements are *Midnight Rose*, *(I'm Afraid) The Masquerade Is Over*, *Sentimental Gentleman from Georgia* and *Heart*.

Sing this song of hope with the deep feeling it deserves. Ed's arrangement was carefully crafted to provide you, the performer, with a built-in plan for dynamic variety. Simply let your crescendos and diminuendos go where the chart leads you. And Ed's embellishments are masterful as well. Anytime you sing more than one note on a given word or syllable, look for a way to alter the feeling slightly to tell the story more effectively.

The key change at measure 45 is wonderfully dramatic but will put some singers into a range they may not be able to handle with good vocal quality. The alternate key change makes this section easier to handle, so be sure to choose the option your ensemble can perform more effectively. Most of all, have a marvelous time singing this all-time great song.

As a final note: Questions about the contest suitability of this or any other song/arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest guidelines. Ask *before* you sing.