

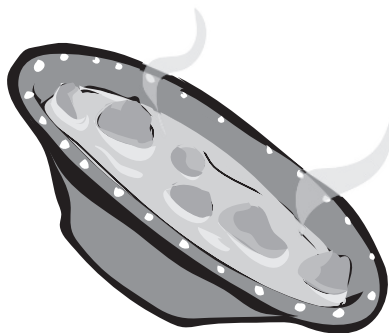
STONE SOUP

A Mini-Musical for Unison Voices based on the Famous Fable
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(During introduction and song #1, Townspeople may enter through the audience, wander onto stage area, come in and out of houses, work in their yards. They avoid eye contact with others.)

NARRATOR 1: (over introduction*) Once, not so long ago, there was a sad little town called Old Town.

NARRATOR 2: Old Town, like many towns, had fallen on hard times.

NARRATOR 1: Food was scarce, and money was low.

NARRATOR 2: The townspeople mostly kept to themselves, unable and unwilling to share during their own hard times.

1. GRUMPY EVERY DAY

(Townspeople)

1.
(repeat as needed
under dialogue)*

In a somewhat plodding manner (♩ = ca. 120)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a piano introduction and a vocal melody with piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a steady bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal melody is marked *mf* and includes a first ending and a second ending. The lyrics are: "We're so hap-py be-ing grump-y ev-'ry day. We dis- hap-py be-ing grump-y ev-'ry day. We don't".

*NOTE: SoundTrax recording plays the introduction four times.

TOWNSPEOPLE: (*ad lib.*) What? Stone Soup? What's that? Never heard of such a thing!
(*Townsperson 8 hands over large pot*)

NARRATOR 1: (*action described takes place on stage*) So the weary travelers carefully placed the three precious stones into the big pot.

NARRATOR 2: Several townspeople brought out wood for a fire,...

NARRATOR 1: ... while others brought out buckets of water from the well.

NARRATOR 2: And more and more townspeople joined the anxious crowd gathering in the town square.

3. SOUP FROM A STONE

(*All*)

Light swing (♩ = ca. 120) (♩♩ = ♩³♩)

♩ (On repeats, Townspeople react, *ad lib.*)

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It begins with a treble clef staff containing a whole rest. The piano part starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

5 TOWNSPEOPLE
mf

Who ev-er heard of soup from a stone? _ If this town had on-ly known, _

The vocal line begins with a square box containing the number 5. The melody is in 4/4 time, one flat key signature, and mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment continues from the previous section, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.