

In This Ancient House

(Momoshiki Ya)

SAB Chorus, Piano, and Opt. Finger Cymbals*

Anonymous Japanese Poem

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Ranges: Soprano Alto Baritone



① **Mysteriously** ♩ = ca. 96

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SA *mp*

In this an - cient house, paved — with a hun - dred stones,

B

English

In this ancient house,
Paved with a hundred stones,
Ferns grow in the eaves;
But numerous as they are,
My old memories are more.

Japanese

Momoshiki ya
Furuki nokiba no
Shinobu ni mo
Nao amari aru
Mukashi nari keru.

Pronunciation

(Japanese "r" flipped)

Moh-moh-shee-kee yah
Foo-roo-kee noh-kee-bah noh
Shee-noh-boo nee moh
Nah-oh ah-mah-ree ah-roo
Moo-kah-shee nah-ree keh-ree.

Duration: approx. 3:10

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Mo - mo - shi - ki ya, Fu - ru - ki no - ki - ba no,

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mf Ferns grow in the eaves, *mf* Shi - no - bu ni mo, ni mo,

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Ferns grow in the eaves, Shi - no - bu ni mo, ni mo,

13

Shi - no - bu ni mo, ni mo, Shi - no - bu ni

15 2

mo.

mp

mp

17

mp

mp

In this an - cient house, paved — with a hun - dred stones,

In this an - cient house, paved — with a hun - dred stones,

19

Mo - mo - shi - ki ya, Fu - ru - ki no - ki - ba no,

Mo - mo - shi - ki ya, Fu - ru - ki no - ki - ba no,

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mf Ferns grow in the eaves, *mf* Shi - no - bu ni mo, ni mo,

Ferns _____ grow _____ in the eaves, _____

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mf Ferns grow in the eaves, *mf* Shi - no - bu ni mo, ni mo,

Shi - no - bu ni mo, ni mo, _____

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mp

Shi - no - bu ni mo, ni mo, Shi - no - bu ni mo.

Shi - no - bu ni mo, ni mo, Shi - no - bu ni mo.

mp

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mf

But nu-mer-ous as they are, Na-o

mf

But nu-mer-ous as they

mf

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a - ma - ri a - ru, But nu-mer-ous as they

are, Na - o a - ma - ri a - ru, But