

One Black Spike

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for SATB Choir or 4 solo voices

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One Black Spike represents the time period 1914 – 1945. It takes as its subject the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, which was opened in 1914 and connects Port Hardy and the BC interior. The last spike (made of black iron ore) of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway was driven one mile east of Fort Fraser, British Columbia, Canada on April 7th, 1914.

One black iron spike
One mile East of Fort Fraser
Three thousand miles of track, standard gauge
Three thousand days of immigrant labour
One resource economy
One black spike.

One Black Spike

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$\text{♩} = 92$

mp

SOPRANO

One black spike, one black i - ron spike _____ One black spike, one black

mp

ALTO

One _____ black i - ron One black

mp

TENOR

One black

BASS

5

mp

S.

i - ron spike One mile East _____ of Fort

p

A.

i - ron _____ spike One black spike, One

p

T.

i - - - - - ron spike One black spike, One

mp

B.

One black i - ron spike One black spike, One

9

S.

Fra - ser

A.

black spike, One mile East of Fort Fra - ser

T.

black spike, One mile East of Fort Fra - ser

B.

black spike, One mile East of Fort Fra - ser

13 *mf*

S. One black spike, — One black i - ron spike, One black spike, —

mp

A. One black i - ron spike — One black

mp

T. One black i - ron spike — One black

B.

17

S. One black i - ron spike, One mile East of Fort Fra - ser —

A. i - ron spike, One spike —

T. i - ron spike, One spike —

B. *mf* One mile East of Fort Fra - ser

21 *pp*

S. One mile East of Fort Fra - - ser, One mile East of Fort

pp

A. One mile East of Fort Fra - ser, One mile East of Fort Fra - ser.

T.

B.

26 $\text{♩} = 120$ *f* *p*

S. Fra - ser. _____

A. _____

T. *f*
Three thou - sand three thou - sand miles _____ three

B. *f*
Three thou - sand three thou - sand miles _____ three

32

S. _____

A. _____

T. *f*
thou - sand three thou - sand miles _____ of track _____ stan - dard gauge, three

B. *f*
thou - sand three thou - sand miles _____ of track _____ stan - dard gauge, three

38

S. _____

A. _____

T. *f*
thou - sand three thou - sand miles _____ three thou - sand

B. *f*
thou - sand three thou - sand miles _____ three thou - sand

44

S.

A.

T.

B.

50

S.

A.

T.

B.

56

S.

A.

T.

B.

61

S. *mf* Three thou-sand miles of track of track stan-dard gauge

A. *mf* Three thou - sand miles, Three

T. *pp* i - ron spike,

B. *pp* One black spike,

67

S. *mf* Three thou-sand miles of track

A. thou - sand miles, Three thou-sand

T. *mf* Three thou - sand miles *pp*

B. *mf* Three thou - sand miles, three thou - sand miles, *pp*

73

S. of track stan-dard gauge One black i - ron spike

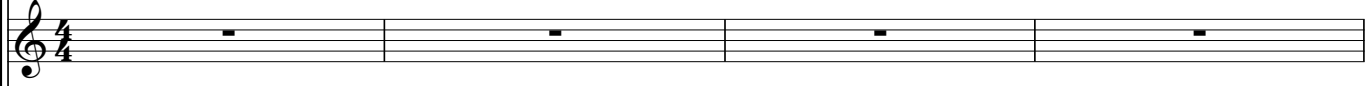
A. miles One black i - ron spike

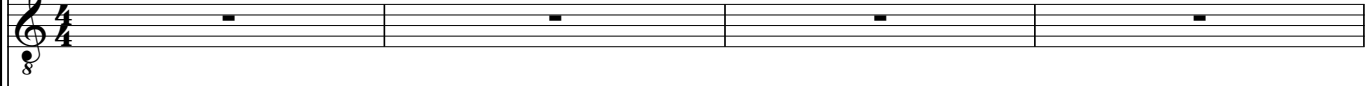
T. *mf* One black i - ron spike

B. *mp* One *ppp*

78

S. 

A. 

T. 

B. 
ff
 Three_ thou - sand miles,___ im-mi-grant la - bour, Three_ thou - sand miles,___ im-mi-grant la - bour,

82

S. 

A. 
mf *f* *mp* *mf*
 la - bour la - bour___ Three thou-sand days___ la - bour___ la - bour

T. 

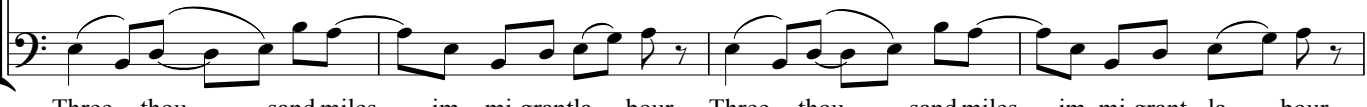
B. 
f
 Three_ thou - sand miles,___ im-mi-grant la - bour, Three_ thou - sand miles,___ im-mi-grant la - bour,

86

S. 
mf
 One mile East of Fort Fra - ser One mile East of Fort Fra - ser

A. 
f *mp* *mf* *f*
 ___ Threethou-sand days___ la - bour la - bour___ Threethou-sand days_

T. 

B. 
 Three_ thou - sand miles,___ im - mi-grantla - bour, Three_ thou - sand miles,___ im-mi-grant la - bour,

90 *mp*

S. One mile East of Fort Fra - ser, Fort Fra - ser. One black i - ron spike, —

A. *mp* *mp* One black

T. 8

B. Three — thou - sand miles, — im-mi-grant la - bour, Three thou - sand — miles, — im-mi-grant la - bour,

94 *mp* *mf*

S. One black i - ron spike, — One mile East of Fort Fra -

A. *mf* — i - ron, — One black i - ron, —

T. *mf* One re source e - co - no my, One re - source

B. Three thou - sand miles, — Three thou - sand miles, — im-mi-grant la - bour,

98

S. ser. One mile East of Fort Fra - ser. One mile East of Fort Fra - ser, Fort Fra - ser.

A. One black spike, — One black spike,

T. 8 — One re source — e - co - no-my, One re - source e - co - no-my, —

B. Three thou - sand miles, — Three thou - sand miles, — Three thou - sand —

102 *ff*

S. *ff*
One re - source e - co - no - my.

A. *ff* *p* *poco a poco cresc. to m. 119*
One re - source e - co - no - my. One black spike, One black spike, One black i - ron,

T. *ff* *p* *poco a poco cresc. to m. 119*
One re - source e - co - no - my. One black spike, One i - ron, One

B. *ff* *p* *poco a poco cresc. to m. 119*
One re - source e - co - no - my. One black spike, One i - ron, One

106 *mp* *poco a poco cresc.*

S. *mp*
One black spike,

A. *mp*
One black spike, One black spike, One black i - ron spike, One black i - ron spike,

T. *mp*
black spike, One i - ron, One black spike, One

B. *mp*
black spike, One i - ron, One black spike,

109 *(mf)*

S. *(mf)*
One black i - ron spike, One black spike, One black i -

A. *(mf)*
One spike, One black spike, One black spike, One black i - ron spike,

T. *(mf)*
i - ron, One black spike, One i - ron, One black

B. *(mf)*
One spike, One black spike, One black i - ron, One black spike,

112

S. *- ron spike, One black i - ron spike, One spike,*

A. *One black i - ron spike, One spike, One black spike,*

T. *8 spike, One i - ron, One spike, One black spike,*

B. *One black i - ron, One black spike, One black i - ron, Oneblack spike,*

115 *f*

S. *One black spike, One black spike, One black spike, One black spike,*

A. *f One black i - ron, One black spike, One black*

T. *f One black i - ron, One black spike, One black*

B. *f One black i - ron, One black spike, One black i - ron,*

117 *ff ppp*

S. *One black spike, One black spike One black spike, One black spike, One black spike.*

A. *ff ppp i - ron, One black spike, One black i - ron, One black spike.*

T. *ff ppp i - ron, One black spike, One black i - ron, One black spike.*

B. *ff ppp Oneblack spike, One i - ron, One black spike, One i - ron, One black spike.*