

Notes from the Arranger

The Navajo are among the Native American (Indigenous American) people who live in the southwestern part of the United States, in the *Four Corner* region including parts of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah.

Hi Yo Ipsi Naya is a traditional song that has probably been included in Navajo ceremonies for centuries. As with all folk songs passed through generations, variations evolve and meanings change. Today, this melody is often referred to as a "Navajo song of happiness" by those who know it.

All the elements of the song are very simple and repetitive, allowing for a variety of musical interpretations to be sung and played. As with much of the Navajo musical tradition, a variety of percussion instruments are often incorporated, as is the case with this setting.

Whatever your interpretation, I hope this will become a wonderful addition to your multicultural program!

...Mark Burrows

Pronunciation Guide

Hi Yo *High Yo*
Ipsi *Eep-see*
Naya *Nah-yah*

Hi Yo Ipsi Naya

(A Navajo Song of Happiness)

For 2-Part a cappella with Percussion*

Duration: ca. 1:45

Traditional Navajo Song
Arranged by MARK BURROWS

Joyfully ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 88$)

R I R L R L R I

Chest Pats I *mp* 4

Part I *mp*

Joyfully ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 88$)

R I R L R I R I R *sim.*

Chest Pats II *mp*

Part II

Joyfully ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 88$)

Rattle 4

Low Drum

sim.

na - ya.

mp

hi yo, hi yo ip - si na - ya.

*Percussion parts can be found on pages 11-12

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Hi - yo, hi yo ip - si na - ya.

Hi - yo, hi yo ip - si

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Hi yo, hi yo... *cresc.*

na - ya. hi yo. hi yo. *cresc.*

mp cresc.

mp cresc.

15

22

Hi yo, hi yo ip si na - ya.

Hi yo, hi yo, hi yo.

20

Hi yo, hi yo ip si na - ya. Hi yo.

Hi yo, hi yo, hi yo. Hi yo.

25

hi yo. Hi yo, hi yo.

hi yo ip - si na - ya. Hi yo. hi yo ip - si na - ya.

29

Hi yo hi yo.

Hi yo. hi yo.

34

40

Hi yo ip - si na - ya. _____ Hi yo ip - si

Hi yo ip si na - ya. _____

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na - ya. _____ Hi yo ip - si na - ya. _____

Hi yo ip - si na - ya. _____ Hi yo ip - si na - ya. _____

40

Hi yo hi yo.

Hi yo, hi yo.

Stomp

cresc.

cresc.

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Hi yo, hi yo ip-si na-ya.

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Hi yo, hi yo, hi... yo.

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[63]

Hi yo, hi yo ip - si na - ya. Hi yo hi yo.

Hi yo, hi yo, hi yo. Hi yo, hi yo ip - si

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[63]

Hi yo, hi yo.

na - ya, Hi yo, hi yo ip si na - ya.

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Hi yo, hi yo, _____ Hi yo ip - si na - ya ...

Hi yo, hi yo, _____ Ili yo ip - si

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Ili yo, hi yo! _____

na - ya ... Ili yo! _____

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3 4 15

Rattle

Low Drum

mp cresc.

mp cresc.

22

mf

mf

21

27

32

37

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