

The Spirit of Hiroshima

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♩ = 84

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Piano

5

mp

New leaves^(*2) drive a-----way des-
(Ato-)mic Bomb Do---me
pla-----net, blue and

mp

5

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pa-----ir, ham-mers ring out like a pray-----er. Ri--sing like a song
ha-----s a----- sto-----ry t----o te-----ll. People o----f all
fra-----gile, on----ly home that w----e kno-----w. Li--ke a bad

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*1: Written and composed in 1994.

*2: It was said that no grass or trees would grow in Hiroshima after the bombing. But a tree, which barely survived the blast and heat rays of the bombing, sent out new shoots from the burned trunk and base. This encouraged survivors to have hope.

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every-where, sorrows left be-hind. A song of com-fort
nations ga-ther, stand now lis-ten-ing. Hear the ring-ing
dream now en-ded, war is o-ver-thro-wn. Glo-ry of the

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for the souls now in our hearts en-shrin-ed. W-e sha-ll not
of the be-lls, as the doves take wi-ng. Tell the sto-ry of
human spi-rit casts a bri-lliant glo-w. By that shining light

mf

mf

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re-pea-t th-e e-vil.*3 all the pre-cious lives now e-n-ded. Ah-----, the spi-rit of Hi-ro-shi
we will raise a las-ting pa-ra-dise.

poco rit. *mf*

poco rit. *mf* *p*

*3: " We shall not repeat the evil "is cited from an inscription on the Memorial Monument for Hiroshima, City of Peace.

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ma. A pledge of peace throughout the world, let e-----very
 A prayer for peace throughout the world, let e-----very
 A wish for peace throughout the world, let e-----very

f

1.

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voice sing out. A-----to

mp

dim.

2.

33

tongue cry out.

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37 *mp* On this

3. 41 heart ring out.

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