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SH-BOOM (LIFE COULD BE A DREAM)

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Intro

Tenor Lead

sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom

hey non - ny ding dong a ling a ling a lay

sh-boom sh-boom sh-boom sh-boom

Bari Bass

sh - boom sh-boom sh - boom sh-boom sh -

sh - boom sh-boom sh-boom sh-boom

boom ba doh ba doom ba du va lay oh

sh-boom sh-boom sh-boom sh-boom

boom sh-boom sh - boom sh-boom ba

Chorus

5 doo Life could be a dream

6 sh - boom sh - boom

doo sh - boom if I could take you up in

sh - boom sh - boom

de oo de oom sh - boom sh - boom

7 8

par - a - disc up a - bove. If you would tell me I'm the

de oo de oom sh - boom sh - boom

de oo de oom sh - boom sh - boom

9 10

on - ly one that you love, life could be a dream, sweet - heart.

de oo de oom sh - boom sh - boom

Hel - lo, hel - lo a - gain, sh - boom an' hop - in' we'll meet a - gain.

11 12

ah oh

Hel - lo, hel - lo a - gain, sh - boom an' hop - in' we'll meet a - gain.

doo sh - boom sh - boom

13 14

Life could be a dream if on - ly all my pre-cious plans

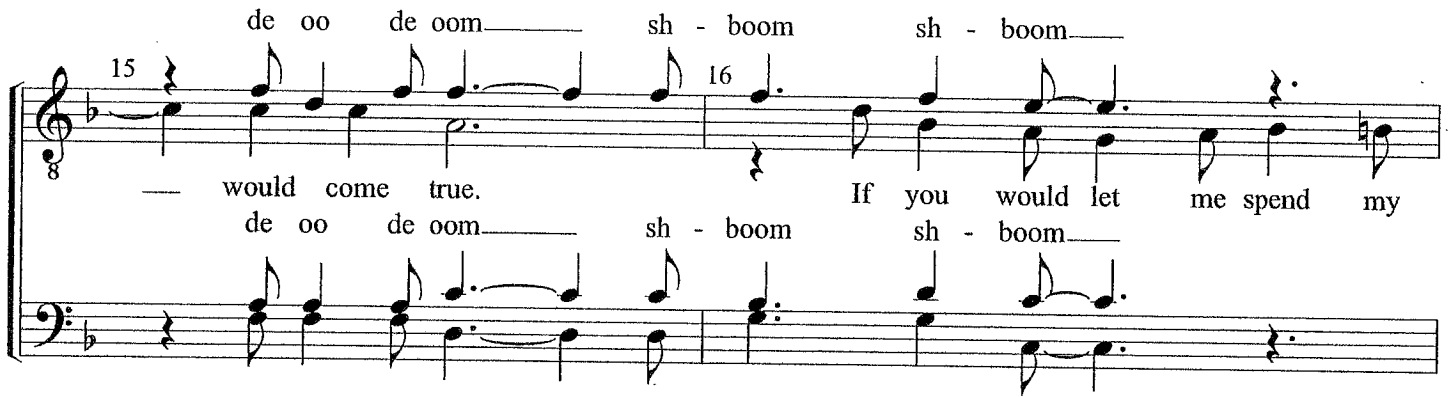
doo sh - boom sh - boom

de oo de oom sh - boom sh - boom

15 16

8 — would come true. If you would let me spend my

de oo de oom sh - boom sh - boom

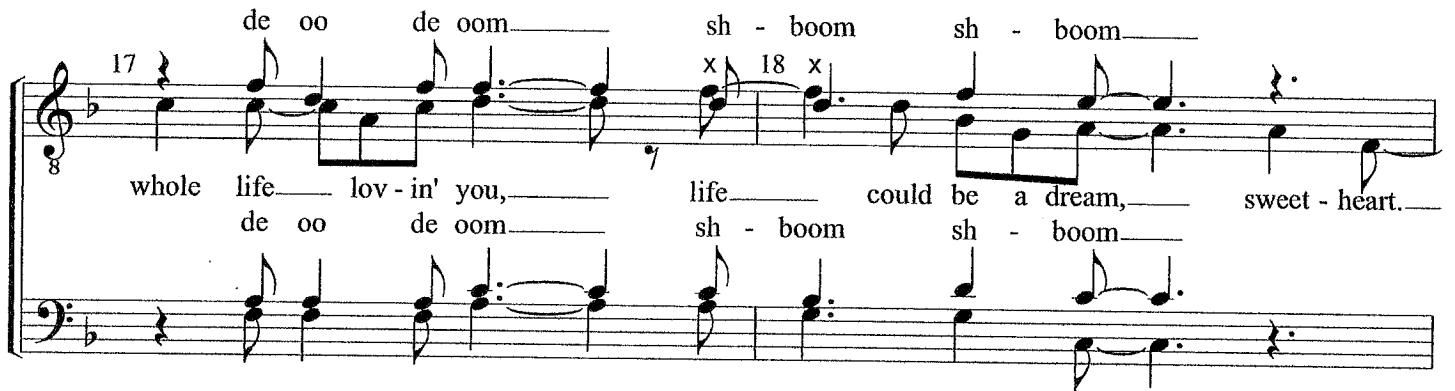


de oo de oom sh - boom sh - boom

17 18

8 whole life lov - in' you, life could be a dream, sweet - heart.

de oo de oom sh - boom sh - boom



ba doo ba doo ba doo ba doo ba doo ba

19 20

8 Now,

ba doo ba doo ba doo ba doo ba doo ba



oo de oo de oo

21 22 23

8 ev - 'ry time I look at you, some-thing is on my mind.

oo de oo de oo



dot dot dot dot dot oo ——— oh ———

24 25 26

If you do what I want you to,

dot dot dot dot dot oo ——— oh ———

de oo de oom ——— sh -

27 28 29

ba - by, we'd be so fine. Oh, life could be a dream

de oo de oom ——— sh -

boom sh - boom ———

30 31

if I could take you up in par - a - dise up a - bove.

boom sh - boom ———

de oo de oom ——— sh -

boom sh - boom ———

32 33

If you would tell me I'm the on - ly one that you love, life

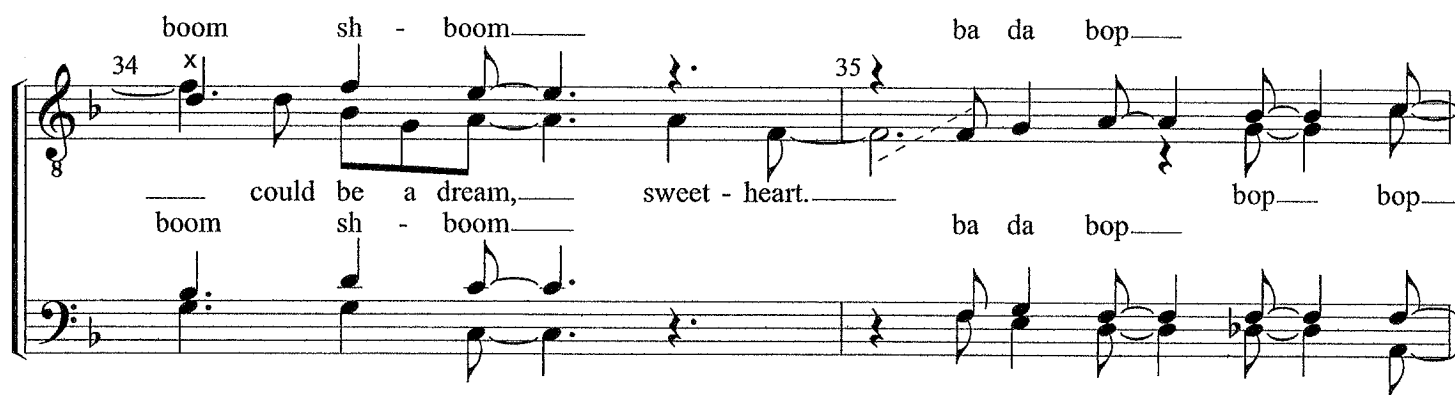
boom sh - boom ———

de oo de oom ——— sh -

boom sh - boom ba da bop

could be a dream, sweet - heart. bop bop

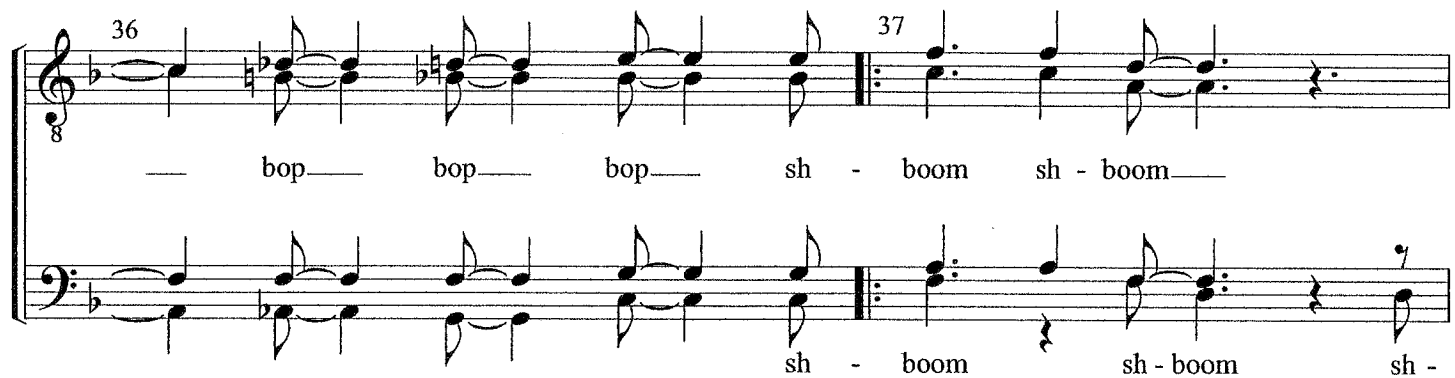
boom sh - boom ba da bop



Interlude

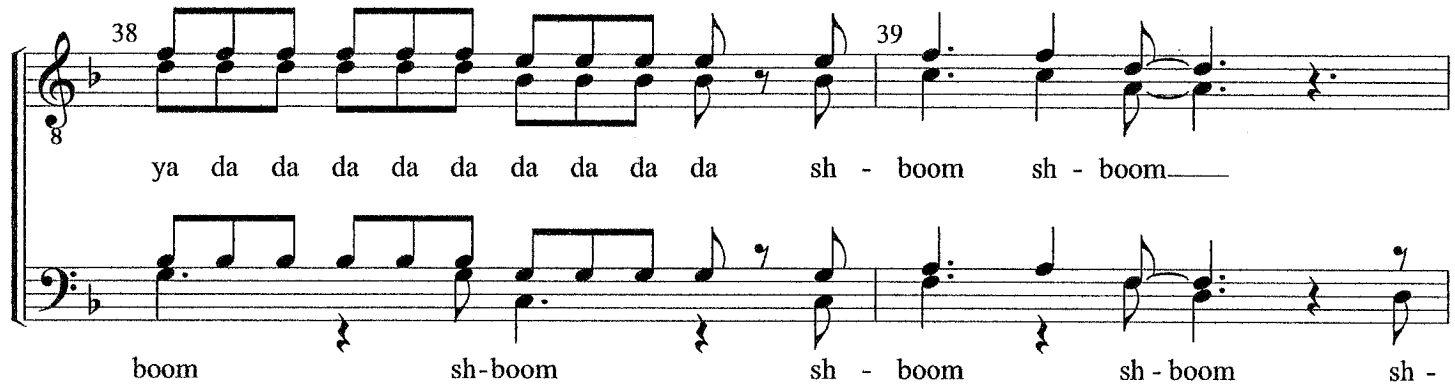
bop bop bop sh - boom sh - boom

sh - boom sh - boom sh -



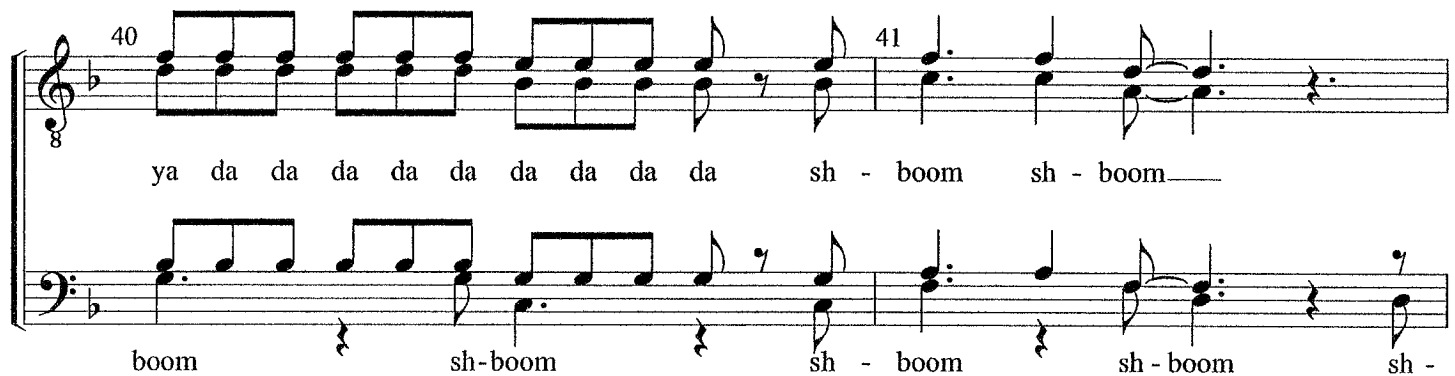
ya da da da da da da da da sh - boom sh - boom

boom sh-boom sh - boom sh - boom sh -



ya da da da da da da da da sh - boom sh - boom

boom sh-boom sh - boom sh - boom sh -



42 43 1 44

ya da da da da da da da sh - boom ah sh-

boom sh-boom sh - boom

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the musical score, measures 42 through 44. It features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. Measure 42 has a treble staff with eighth-note chords and a bass staff with a single eighth note. Measure 43 continues the treble staff pattern and has a dotted half note in the bass. Measure 44 is a whole note chord in the treble and a half note in the bass. Lyrics are placed below the notes.

2 45 46 47

lead melody ah You know that ev - 'ry time I look at you,

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the musical score, measures 45 through 47. Measure 45 starts with a double bar line and a new melodic line in the treble. Measure 46 continues the melody. Measure 47 ends with a wavy line indicating a continuation. Lyrics are placed below the notes.

48 49 50

some-thing is on my mind, on my mind. If you do what I

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the musical score, measures 48 through 50. Measure 48 continues the melody. Measure 49 has a dotted half note. Measure 50 continues the melody. Lyrics are placed below the notes.

51 52 53

want you to, ba - by, we'd be so fine. fine, so fine. sh-

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of the musical score, measures 51 through 53. Measure 51 continues the melody. Measure 52 has a whole note. Measure 53 continues the melody. Lyrics are placed below the notes.

54 Life could be a dream— if I could take you up in

boom sh - boom sh - boom sh-boom sh -

56 par - a - dise— up a - bove. If you would tell me I'm the

boom sh-boom sh - boom sh-boom sh -

58 on - ly one— that you love, life— could be a dream, sweet - heart.—

boom sh-boom

60 Hel-lo, hel - lo a - gain,— sh - boom an' hop - in' we'll meet a - gain.—

61 ah oh—

Hel-lo, hel - lo a - gain,— sh - boom an' hop - in' we'll meet a - gain.—

sh -

Coda sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom

62 hey non - ny ding dong — a ling a ling a lay —

sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom

boom sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom sh -

63

sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom

64 boom ba doh — ba doom ba du va lay — oh —

sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom

boom sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom sh - boom

65

doo —

66 Life could be a dream, — life — could be a dream, — sweet - heart, —

doo —

67

68 sh - boom sh - boom — sweet - heart, —

69

de oo de art —

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 12/8 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into measures 70 through 75. Measures 70-72 feature a vocal melody with lyrics 'sh - boom sh-boom sweet-heart, sh-' and a bass line with lyrics 'de oo de art'. Measures 73-75 continue the melody with lyrics 'boom sh - boom sweet-heart, ba ba ba ba boom sh-boom!'. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and slurs.

Performance Notes

The song *Sh-Boom*, as performed by the quartet **CrewCuts**, from Toronto, went to #1 on the U.S. charts in 1954. This arrangement is patterned after their recording.

It is important to note that this vehicle is primarily a lead solo, with the other three voices providing a quasi-orchestral rhythm accompaniment. There are sections (measures 35-44, 50-58, 67-75) in which the melody is carried by the tenor voice, which should then predominate while the lead singer functions as a supporting harmony voice. These sections should be a bit louder than the lead solo sections. There is only a brief section (measures 45-49) that is typical homophonic barbershop style, with the melody in the lead voice and tenor harmony above it. A successful performance requires an understanding of the changing volume relationships between the voices in the different sections.

In 12/8 time there are four beats to a measure, with a single beat represented by a dotted quarter note. The suggested tempo is 120 beats per minute, which should remain constant throughout. During the two silence breaks which start in measure 43, there should be some visual device (body movement, finger snapping) to maintain the steady tempo. Here's an opportunity for creative stage presence!

The extended coda reprises the introduction, with a suggestion of the chorus. The repeated vamp (measures 67-72) should gradually diminish in volume, with a sudden return to full volume for the final three measures.

Sh-Boom is one of the best-known representatives of the doo-wop style of singing. The style reached its pinnacle of popularity in the 1950s, but is still frequently heard in the 21st century. You can have lots of fun with this song, and your audiences—especially the baby boomers—will enjoy hearing it.

As a final note: Questions about the contest suitability of this or any other song/arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest rules. Ask *before* you sing.