Bring Me Little Water, Silvy By Huddie Ledbetter (Lead Belly)

Arranged by Moira Smiley

SATB + body percussion

Huddie William Ledbetter (January 1888 – December 6, 1949) wrote some of the most beloved American songs while he performed and wrote in his own folk blues style. He recorded for the Lomax Collections, and various commercial labels, and became famous with in folk music movement of the 1930s and 1940s.

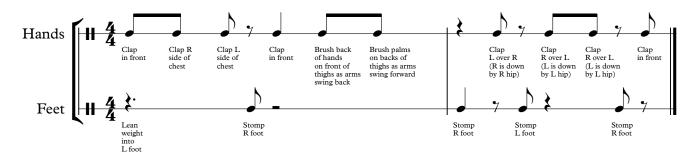
This song was said to have been written about his Uncle and Uncle's wife, Silvy – this version takes much of its musical choices from Sweet Honey in the Rock's version.

Body percussion is by Evie Ladin.

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Body Percussion by Evie Ladin



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BY HUDDIE LEDBETTER

ARRANGEMENT BY MOIRA SMILEY

INTRO Body Percussion: 2x

V1 HUM complete verse

melody

V1 Bring me little water, Silvy

Bring me little water now Bring me little water, Silvy Ev'ry little once in a while

V2 Bring it in a bucket, Silvy

Bring it in a bucket now Bring it in a bucket, Silvy Ev'ry little once in a while

B Section Silvy come a runnin' (CHORUS) Bucket in my hand

I will bring a little water

Fast as I can

REPEAT V1

B Section Can't you see me comin' (CHORUS) Can't you see me now

I will bring a little water Ev'ry little once in a while

HUM VERSE

Ev'ry little once in a while Ev'ry little once in a while

Ev'ry little once in a while (No Body Percussion)

Body Percussion Moves On Each 8th Note Beat:

- 1 CLAP hands out in front of you (normal clap)
- 2 RIGHT HAND to RIGHT side of CHEST
- 3 LEFT HAND to LEFT side of CHEST
- 4 RIGHT FOOT stamps
- 5-6 CLAP hands out in front of you (normal clap)
- 7 Torso forward to BRUSH back of HANDS on tops of THIGHS
 - BRUSH palms of hands against back of legs (coming back in
 - other direction as your torso comes up)
- 1-2 RIGHT FOOT stamps
- 3 throw LH down onto RH for a "tortilla-making" clap (lean to RIGHT)
- 4 LEFT FOOT stamps
- 5 throw RH down onto LH for a "tortilla-making" clap (lean to LEFT)
- 6 (same as 5) "tortilla clap" again
- 7 RIGHT FOOT stamp
- 8 CLAP hands out in front of you (normal clap)

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