

SOON

How should we interpret the word 'soon' in the statement 'Soon there will be a high tide of revolution'?

Words based on the last paragraph of Mao Tsetung's 'A single spark can start a prairie fire' (1930)

Union song by Cornelius Cardew

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SOON

Paxton No. 145 (Wide Ruling) 12 Staves

♩:144

F C F C Am Em Gb

SOON THERE WILL BE A HIGH TIDE OF REVOLUTION IN OUR COUNTRY IN OUR

C C C F C

COUNTRY WHEN I SAY SOON THERE WILL BE A HIGH TIDE OF

F Am Dm Cb F

REVOLUTION IN OUR COUNTRY IN OUR COUNTRY I DO NOT MEAN

faster Gb Ab Db Ab Gb Ab Db Ab Gb Ab Db Ab

IT'S POSSIBLY COMING IT MAY BE ILLUSION PERHAPS UNATTAINABLE AND DE

Gb Ab Db Ab Db ♩ = 144
 VOID OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR ACTION WHAT I MEAN IS IT'S A

F C F C Am D7
 SHIP OUT AT SEA WHOSE MASTHEAD CAN CLEARLY BE SEEN FROM THE SHORE FROM THE

G G7 C7b9 Em C Em Dm9 G 3
 SHORE IT'S THE SUN RISING IN THE EAST WHOSE SHIMMERING RAYS CAN CLEARLY BE

F7 Am Dm9 Am E G7 C7b9 Em G
 SEEN FROM THE HIGH MOUNTAIN TOP IT'S A CHILD ABOUT TO BE

C Em Dm9 G F7 Em B Am Dm9 F

BORN THAT'S RESTLESSLY TURNING IN THE WOMB IN ITS MO — THER'S

This system contains the first two measures of the piece. The vocal line starts with a quarter note on 'BORN', followed by eighth notes for 'THAT'S RESTLESSLY TURNING'. The piano accompaniment features a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The right hand has a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes on 'IN THE WOMB'. The left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

C D F C F

WOMB THAT'S WHAT MEANS SOON THERE WILL BE A HIGH TIDE OF

The second system covers measures 3 and 4. The vocal line continues with 'WOMB' and 'THAT'S WHAT MEANS'. The piano accompaniment changes to a 6/8 time signature. The right hand has a melodic line with a half note on 'SOON' and a quarter note on 'THERE'. The left hand has a steady accompaniment.

C Am Em G6 C G+7 C7 F

REVOLUTION IN OUR COUNTRY IN OUR COUNTRY SOON THERE WILL BE A

The third system covers measures 5 and 6. The vocal line has 'REVOLUTION IN OUR COUNTRY IN OUR COUNTRY'. The piano accompaniment remains in 6/8 time. The right hand has a melodic line with a half note on 'SOON' and a quarter note on 'THERE'. The left hand has a steady accompaniment.

C7 F Am Dm C6 F

HIGH TIDE OF REVOLUTION IN OUR COUNTRY IN OUR COUNTRY.

The fourth system covers measures 7 and 8. The vocal line concludes with 'HIGH TIDE OF REVOLUTION IN OUR COUNTRY IN OUR COUNTRY.'. The piano accompaniment remains in 6/8 time. The right hand has a melodic line with a half note on 'HIGH' and a quarter note on 'TIDE'. The left hand has a steady accompaniment.

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