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# pond 8: river

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pond 8: river  
difficult names Susquehanna Monongahela Cuyahoga Schuylkill Allegheny syllabled  
voice of absent displaced slaughtered power behind steel sluggish broad-bodied curves

Melancholy, requiem-like ♩ = 52

Soprano

Alto *ppp* like a distant whisper  
Sus - que - han - na \_\_\_\_\_ Mo - non - ga - he - la \_\_\_\_\_ Cuy - a - ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_ Sus - que -

Tenor

Bass

5

A. *pp*  
han - na \_\_\_\_\_ Mo - non - ga - he - a \_\_\_\_\_ Cuy - a - ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_ Sus - que -

T. *ppp*  
han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_

B. *ppp*  
han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_

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A. *p*  
han - na \_\_\_\_\_ Mo - non - ga - he - la \_\_\_\_\_ Cuy - a - ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_ Sus - que -

T. *pp* very fluid, like slow-moving water  
han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_

B. *pp*  
han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_

13 *mp*

S. dif - fi - cult names \_\_\_\_\_ syl - la - bled \_\_\_\_\_ voice \_\_\_\_\_

A. han - na \_\_\_\_\_ Mo - non - ga - he - la \_\_\_\_\_ Cuy - a - ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_ Sus - que -

T. *(pp)*  
8 han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_

B. *(pp)*  
han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_

18 *mf* *p*

S. of ab - sent \_\_\_\_\_ dis - placed \_\_\_\_\_ slaugh - tered pow - er \_\_\_\_\_

A. *ppp*  
han - na \_\_\_\_\_ Mo - non - ga - he - la \_\_\_\_\_ Cuy - a - ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_

T. *pp*  
8 han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_

B. *pp* *ppp*  
han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ga \_\_\_\_\_

23 *mp* *mf*

S. be - hind \_\_\_\_\_ steel \_\_\_\_\_ slug - gish \_\_\_\_\_

A. *sub. f* *p*  
Schuy - kill \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - ghe - ny \_\_\_\_\_ Sus - que - han - na \_\_\_\_\_ Mo - non - ga - he - la \_\_\_\_\_ Cuy - a -

T. *sub. f* *p*  
8 Schuy - kill \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - ghe - ny \_\_\_\_\_ han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_

B. *sub. f* *p* *pp*  
Schuy - kill \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - ghe - ny \_\_\_\_\_ han - na \_\_\_\_\_ he - la \_\_\_\_\_

Perusal score

45

S. hm

A. *pp* *mp* of ab - sent dis - placed

T. *pp* Mo - non - ga - he - la Schuy - kill Al - le - ghe - ny Mo - non - ga -

B. *pp* Mo - non - ga - he - la Schuy - kill Al - le - ghe - ny Mo - non - ga -  
Schuy - kill ah

49

S. solo hm

A. syl - la - bled voice

T. solo he - la Schuy - kill Mo - non - ga - he - la

B. he - la *pp* Schuy - kill ah *fading out*

53

S. *fading out*

A. *fading out*

T. *fading out*

B.