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# Hold Fast to Dreams

Langston Hughes

Susan LaBarr

*p*  $\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

4

*mp*

7

*p* *poco rit.* *pp* **A tempo**

11

S  
A

*p*

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams

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die Life is a bro-ken-winged bird That can - not

17

fly. Hold fast to

20

dreams For if dreams die Life is a

*cresc.*

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23

bro - ken - winged\_ bird That can - not fly.

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

26

S A *mp* Hold fast to dreams

T B *mp* Hold fast to...

Musical score for measures 26-28. The Soprano (S) and Tenor (T) parts are shown with lyrics. The piano accompaniment is also present. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamic marking is *mp* (mezzo-piano).

29

For if dreams die Life is a bro-ken-winged

dreams For if dreams die Life is a

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Musical score for measures 29-31. The Soprano (S) and Tenor (T) parts are shown with lyrics. The piano accompaniment is also present. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamic marking is *mp* (mezzo-piano).

32

bird That can-not fly. Hold fast to

bird That can - not fly.

Musical score for measures 32-35. The Soprano (S) and Tenor (T) parts are shown with lyrics. The piano accompaniment is also present. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamic marking is *mp* (mezzo-piano).

36 *cresc.*

dreams For if dreams die Life is a

Hold fast to... dreams For if dreams

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

39 *mf* *mp*

bro - ken - winged... bird That can - not fly.

die Life is a bird That can - not fly.

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp* *molto cresc.*

42

*f*

Hold fast to dreams — For —

*f*

Hold fast to dreams — For

45

when dreams go Life is a bar-

when dreams go Life is a bar-

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- ren field — Fro-zen with snow. —

- ren field — Fro-zen with snow. —

51

Hold fast to dreams\_ For\_ when dreams

Hold fast to dreams\_ For when dreams

54

go Life\_ is a bar-ren field\_

go Life\_ is a bar-ren field\_

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

57

Fro-zen with snow.

Fro-zen with snow.

*p*

60

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63

*dim. e poco rit.*

Tempo I ♩ = 80

67

*p*

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams

*p*

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams

Tempo I ♩ = 80

*pp*

71

die Life is a broken-winged bird That can - not

die Life is broken-winged bird That can - not

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74

fly. Hold fast to

fly. Hold fast to

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*



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80 *mf* That can - not, *p* can - not

bro - ken - winged bird That can - not fly,

*mf* That can - not *p* fly,

bro - ken - winged bird That can - not, can - not

83 *mp* fly, **Not hurried** *p*

A bro - ken - winged bird That can - not

*mp* fly, *p* That can - not

**Not hurried**

87 **For Perusal Only**

fly.

fly.

*pp* *rit.*

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