

A BIT OF EARTH

from *The Secret Garden*

Lyrics by MARSHA NORMAN
Music by LUCY SIMON

Tentatively
ARCHIE:

A bit of earth... She wants a lit - tle bit of earth, she'll plant some seeds

p

This system contains the first two staves of music. The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on 'A' and a quarter note on 'bit'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords. A dynamic marking of *p* is placed below the piano staff.

The seeds will grow, the flow - ers bloom, but is their boun - ty what she

This system contains the next two staves of music. The vocal line continues with 'The seeds will grow, the flow - ers bloom, but is their boun - ty what she'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns. A slur covers the vocal line across the two staves.

needs? _____ How can she chance _____ to love a

cresc. e accel. *mf*

This system contains the next two staves of music. The vocal line includes the lyrics 'needs? _____ How can she chance _____ to love a'. The piano accompaniment features a crescendo and acceleration, marked with *cresc. e accel.* and *mf*. A slur covers the vocal line across the two staves.

lit - tle bit of earth; does she not know _____ the earth is

This system contains the final two staves of music. The vocal line concludes with 'lit - tle bit of earth; does she not know _____ the earth is'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords. A slur covers the vocal line across the two staves.

a tempo-flowing

old, _____ and does-n't care if one small girl wants things to grow.

rit.

mp a tempo-flowing

_____ She needs a friend. She needs a fa - ther, broth-er, sis - ter, moth-er's

arms _____ She needs to laugh. _____ She needs to

dance and learn to work her girl - ish charms _____ She needs a

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home _____ The on - ly thing she real - ly needs, I can - not give _____

mf

_____ In - stead she asks _____ a bit of earth to make it

live.

accel.

more forcefully

She should have a po - ny

f più mosso

with pedal

gal - lop 'cross the moor.

She should have a doll's house with a

hun - dred rooms per floor. Why can't she ask for a

tree - sure? Some - thing that mon - ey can buy, that won't die. When pull back-----

I'd give her the world she asks in -
ff broader
rit. poco a poco

stead for some earth. A bit of

A tempo
 earth She wants a lit - tle bit of earth, she'll plant some seeds
gentler mp

The seeds will grow, the flow - ers bloom, their beau - ty just the thing she

needs _____ She'll grow to love _____ the ten - der

f

ros - es, lil - ies fair, the i - ris tall _____ And then in

dim. e rit.

Slower

fall, her bit of earth will freeze and kill them all. _____

mp colla voce

a tempo

_____ A bit of earth _____ A bit of earth

_____ A bit of earth _____ A bit of earth

ppp rit.

Optional

rit.