

# Yucatan Round

## Instructions:

First, sing the melody through one time in rhythmic unison. The round begins after this.

During the round, the place of entry changes each time the round is sung.

It begins with entry on the last syllable of the group immediately preceding you; the 2nd time through the melody, enter on the 2nd to last syllable; 3rd time through, the third to last; and so on.

This means a few particular things: one is that after entry on the 11th to last syllable (the *We* that begins the third measure), you will no longer sing the entirety of the round each successive time.

It will become shorter and shorter until you only repeat the first word (*We*). It also means that voices will not always enter on the strong beat; sometimes they will come in on the *weak beat*; but this may not be true for all parts.

There is also a drone accompaniment. This consists of two pitches; the top note (a *D*) remains constant, while the bottom note slowly descends a major second (from a *G* to an *F-natural*). Sustain the second note during the unison repetition of the melody, and begin descending when people start singing in parts.

The *F#* should be arrived at about mid-way through the round, and the *F-natural* during the last measure. The drone may be played by any two instruments with infinite/semi-infinite sustain; only the instrument playing the bottom note must be able to smoothly slide between pitches (*examples include: violin and cello, 2 computer generated sine tones, an organ and a contrabass*).

At the end of the piece, sing the melody through one more time in rhythmic unison. The drone should be a constant major 6th (*F-natural/D*), and should end when the melody ends.

This round may be sung by any number of parts, in any octave; however a written out example of two parts follows.

♩ = 80

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\*Round

Part 1

We live un-der wa - ter\_\_ We live un-der land. We live in the shal - lows,\_\_ we live in the sand.

Part 2

We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land. We live in the shal - lows,\_\_ we live in the sand.

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Prt 1

We live un-der wa - ter\_\_ We live un-der land. We live in the shal-lows\_\_ we live in the sand.

Prt 2

We live un-der

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Prt 1

We live un-der wa-ter

Prt 2

wa-ter We live un-der land. We live in the shal - lows, we live in the sand.

13

Prt 1

We live un-der land. We live in the shal-lows, we live in the sand.

Prt 2

We live un-der wa - ter We live un-der land

17

Prt 1

We live un-der wa - ter\_\_ We live un-der land. We live

Prt 2

\_\_ We live in the shal-lows, We live in the sand\_\_

21

Prt 1

in the shal - lows, we live in the sand.

Prt 2

We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land. We live in the shal-lows,

\*2-Part Example

25  
Prt 1 We live un-der wa - ter\_\_\_ We live un-der land.\_\_\_ We live in the shal-lows,\_\_ we live in the sand.\_\_\_  
Prt 2 we live in the sand. We live un-der wa -

29  
Prt 1 We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der  
Prt 2 ter We live un-der land\_\_\_ We live in the shal-lows, We live in the sand\_\_\_

33  
Prt 1 land.\_\_\_ We live in the shallows, we live in the sand.\_\_\_  
Prt 2 We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land. We live in the

37  
Prt 1 We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land.\_\_\_ We live in the shal-lows, we live in the  
Prt 2 shal - lows, we live in the sand. We live un-der wa - ter\_\_\_

41  
Prt 1 sand.\_\_\_ We live un-der wa - ter\_\_\_ We live un-der land.\_\_\_ We live  
Prt 2 We live un-der land\_\_\_ We live in the shal-lows,\_\_ We live in the sand\_\_\_

45  
Prt 1 in the shal - lows, we live in the sand.\_\_\_ We live un-der wa - ter\_\_\_ We live  
Prt 2 We live un-der wa - ter\_\_\_ We live un-der land.\_\_\_ We live in the shal - lows,\_\_ we live in the sand.\_\_\_

49  
 Prt 1 un-der land. We live in the shal-lows, we live in the sand. We live un-der

49  
 Prt 2 We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land We live in the shal-lows,

53  
 Prt 1 wa-ter We live un-der land. We live in the shal-lows, we live in the sand.

53  
 Prt 2 We live in the sand We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land. We live

57  
 Prt 1 We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land. We live in the shal-lows, we live in the sand.

57  
 Prt 2 in the shal-lows, we live in the sand. We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land

61  
 Prt 1 We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land. We live in the shal-lows, we live in the sand.

61  
 Prt 2 We live in the shal-lows, We live in the sand We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land.

65  
 Prt 1 We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land. We live in the shal-lows, We live un-der wa-ter

65  
 Prt 2 We live in the shal-lows, we live in the We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land. We live

69  
 Prt 1 We live un-der land. We live in the shal-lows, We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land.

69  
 Prt 2 in the shal-lows, We live un-der wa-ter We live un-der land We live in the shal We live un-der wa-ter

73

Prt 1 We live in the We live un - der wa - ter\_\_ Welive un - der land.\_\_ Welive Welive un - der wa - ter\_\_ Welive

Prt 2 \_\_ We live un - der land.\_\_\_\_ Welive in Welive un - der wa - ter\_\_ Welive un - der land\_\_ We We live

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Prt 1 un - der land.\_\_ Welive un - der wa - ter\_\_ We live We live un - der wa - ter\_\_ We live un - der wa - ter We live

Prt 2 un - der wa - ter\_\_ Welive un - der land We live un - der wa - ter We We live un - der wa - ter\_\_ We live un - der wa -

81

Prt 1 un - der We live We We We live un - der wa - ter We live un - der land. We live in the shal - lows,

Prt 2 We live un We We We live un - der wa - ter We live un - der land. We live in the shal - lows,

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Prt 1 we live in the sand.

Prt 2 we live in the sand.