

The 1973 Pop Hit by DOBIE GRAY

DRIFT AWAY

For SATB* a cappella

Duration: ca. 3:40

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Rock (♩ = 76-80)
f

Soprano Alto
Give me the beat. Give me the beat, woh. _____

Tenor Bass
Give me the beat. Give me the beat, woh. _____

f
Stomp Clap

Give me the beat. Give me the beat, woh. _____

Give me the beat. Give me the beat, woh. _____

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Give me the beat. Give me the beat. Give me the beat, woh. _____

Give me the beat. Give me the beat, woh. _____

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Give me the beat. Give me the beat... Doo doot doo... Oo...

mf

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Soprano

Day af - ter day I'm more con - fused;

Alto

doot doo. Doo doot doo. Doo dn doo

Tenor

9 Bass

yet I look for the light through the pour - in' rain...

doo doot doo doot doo, through the pour-in' rain... Oo...

11

I know that's a game that I hate_ to lose.

doot doo. Doo doot doo.

Doo bah doo

cresc. And I'm feel-in' the strain; ain't it a shame?_ Oh,

cresc. Doo doot doo doo ah bop bah. Oh,

cresc.

17
Sop. *f*
Alto
Ten. *f*
Bass

give me the beat,_ boys, and free my soul; I wan-na get lost in your rock and roll_ and

drift a-way._ Oh, give me the beat,_ boys, and free my soul; I

drift a-way,_ bop bah.

21 wan - na get lost in your rock and roll_ and drift a - way._
drift a - way, - bop bah.

23 *mf* Doo doot doo_ doot doo bah doot doo doot doo._ Doo bah
mf Doo bah doo

25 doo doot doo_ doot doo bah doot doo doot doo._ Doo

27 Sop. Be - gin - nin' to think that I'm wast - in' time;
Alto doo doot doo._ Doo doot doo_ doo dn doot
Tenor
27 Bass

I don't un - der - stand_ the things_ I do.

doo. I don't un - der - stand the things I do. Doo

29

The world out - side looks so_ un - kind.

doo doot doo. Doo doot doo. Doo bah doo

31

Now I'm count-in' on_ you_ to car-ry me through._ Oh,

Doo doot doo doo ah bop bah. Oh,

33

35 Sop. *f*
Alto
Ten. *f*
Bass

give me the beat, boys, and free my soul; I wan-na get lost in your rock and roll_ and

37 drift a-way... Oh, give me the beat, boys, and free my soul; I
 38 drift a-way... bop bah.

39 wan-na get lost in your rock and roll and drift a-way...
 40 drift a-way... bop bah.

41 *mf* Doo doot doo doot doo bah doot doo doot doo... Doo bah
 42 *mf* Doo bah doo

43 doo doot doo doot doo bah doot doo doot doo... Oo,
 44 *div.*

45 unis. (Opt. Solo) And when my mind is free, you know a mel-o-dy can
 46

45 it can move me. Oo,

47 move me. And when I'm feel - in' blue,

Opt. Solo 2

49 a gui - tar's com - in' through to soothe me.

50 to soothe me. Oo,

51 the joy you've giv - en me; Oh,

52 Thanks for the joy that you've giv - en me;

Opt. Solo 3

53 I be - lieve in your song, rhy - thm and

54 I want - cha to know I be - lieve in your song,

55 rhyme, Oo, and har - mo - ny. Oo,

56 rhy - thm and rhyme and har - mo - ny.

Opt. Solo 4

cresc.

mak-in' me strong... Oh,

cresc. (All)

57 You help me a - long, mak-in' me strong... Oh,

59 *f unis.*

give me the beat, boys, and free my soul; I wan-na get lost in your rock and roll and

f unis.

Stomp Clap

59 *f*

drift a - way... Bah bah dah dah... dah... bah dot dah. Oh,

61

63 Descant *f*

Free my soul. _____

give me the beat, _ boys, and free my soul; I wan-na get lost in your rock and roll_ and

63

Drift a - way. _

drift a - way. _ Bah bah dah dah_ dah, _ bah bah

drift a - way, _ bop bah.

65

Drift a - way. *rit.*

div.

dah dah_ dah_ Drift a - way, _____ a - way.

rit.

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