

No.4. The Rainbow Snake and the Wawilak sisters

M.NARR.

All over Australia there are stories of how the Creator told the Rainbow Snake and other Sky Heroes to make the world.

F.NARR.

This Creator has different names in different parts of Australia. M.NARR. In the south it's PUNDJEL...

F.NARR.

In the northwest, UNGUD... M.NARR. BALAME in the east... F.NARR. and MANGELA in the west.

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At the time of the Dreaming, so they say, JARAPIRI, the Rainbow Snake arrived from the sea and travelled inland, making the rivers and the waterholes as he went.

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Many tribal lands today have waterholes in which there are supposed to live enormous, fierce bearded creatures called WANAMBIS.

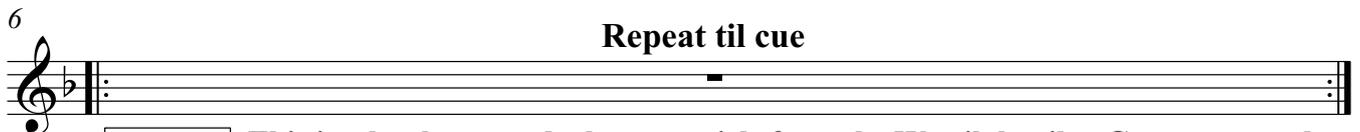


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When enraged, they transform themselves into rainbows, paralyse all unwanted strangers and drag them beneath the water.

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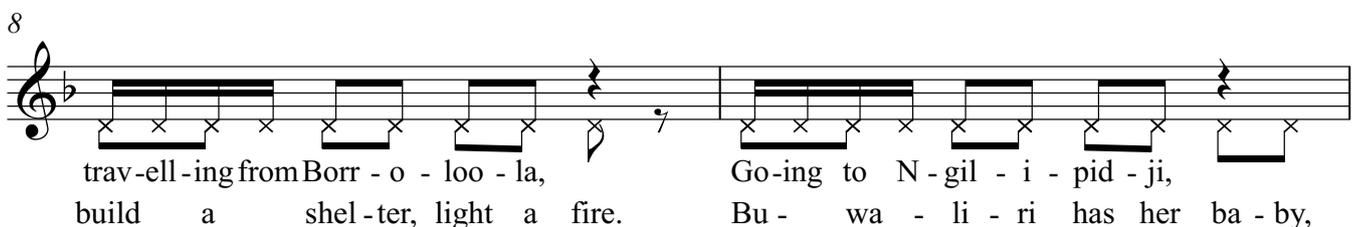
When the world was young, in a waterhole at a place called Mirarrmina in northwest Australia, there lived a huge olive python - the WITITJ



M.NARR. This is what happened when two girls from the Wawilak tribe, Garangarr and her younger sister Buwaliri, and their pet dingo Wulngarri, annoyed the Wititj.



M.NARR Gar - an - garr and Bu - wa - lir - i,
M.NARR They make camp at Mir - arr - mi - na,



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where the stone is good for spears. **F.NARR** Gar - an - garr and Bu - wa - li - ri;
Yirr - it - ja is born that night. **F.NARR** Gar - an - garr is fetch - ing wa - ter

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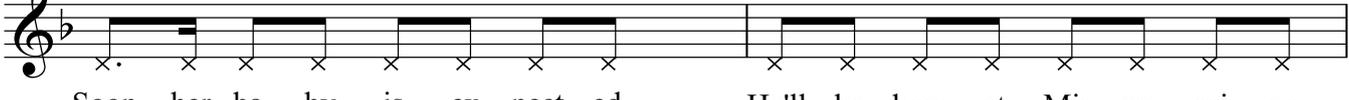
Kun - a - pi - pi is their moth - er, Kun - a - pi - pi, great earth moth - er,
from the pool at Mir - arr - mi - na, Gar - an - garr is in a hurr - y,

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Moth - er of the liv - ing world. **M.NARR** Bu - wa - li - ri, she is preg - nant,
Does - n't speak the sa - cred words, does - n't ask the pool's per - miss - ion,

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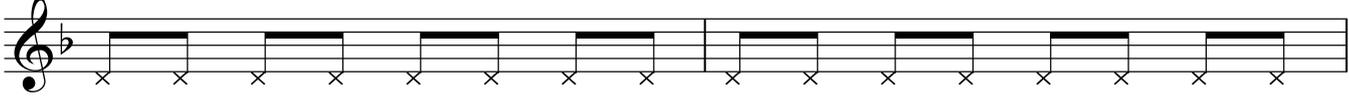
Soon her ba - by is ex - pect - ed, He'll be born at Mir - arr - mi - na
does - n't thank it for the wa - ter. **M.NARR** In the depths the Wit - itj wa - kens,

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where the wa - ter's cool and pure **F.NARR** With them is their dog Wuln - garr - i,
Twists a - round its might - y coils. **F.NARR** On the sur - face, by the shel - ter,

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they go hunt - ing on their jour - ney, with their Ding - o they go hunt - ing,
all the food that they have gath - ered, read - y to be cooked and eat - en,

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List - en to what the Ding - o says. **BOTH NARR** *f* Hear Wuln - garr - i. **ALL** We got
What a feast is wait - ing there. Hear Wuln - garr - i.

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Dja - ba - ka - lang and Rin - y - tang - u, Mirr - i - wa, Wan - gurr - a, we got that too. Go -

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ann - a Frill - neck and Blue - tongued liz - ard, Hear Wuln - garr - i.

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M.NARR See the pool at Mir-arr-mi-na, see the wa-ter, watch it boil-ing, As the Wit-itj spins with-in it,

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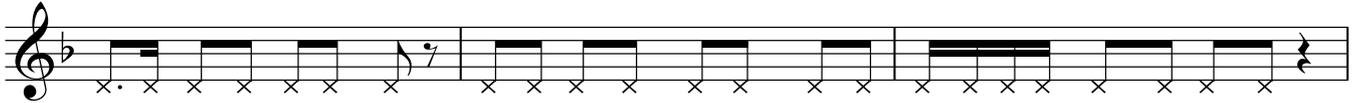
makes a whirl-pool deep and wide. F.NARR Gar - an - garr and Bu - wa - li - ri

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cow - er in their shel - ter's en - trance. All the an - i - mals they hunt - ed

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come a-live and run a-round. One by one they chase each oth-er, jump in-to the whirl-ing wa-ters,

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Leap in - to the rag - ing whirl-pool, One by one they dis - ap - pear.

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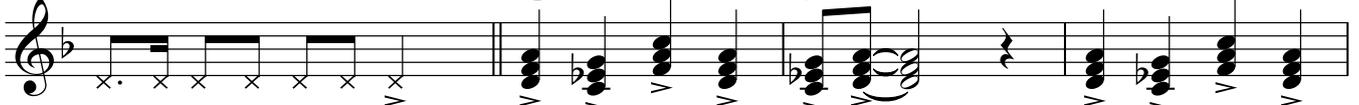
M.NARR



Then at last the Wit-itj ri-ses, like a foun-tain, from the whirl-pool, Coil on coil its bod-y ris-es,

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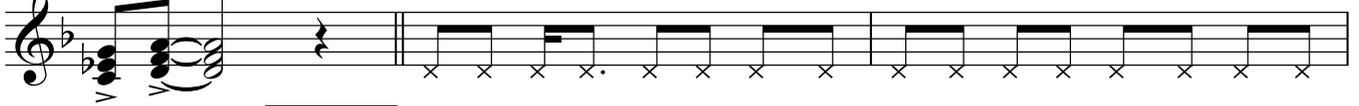
(pronounced "GUY-PAR")



lifts it's head in - to the sky. ALL Gai pa, Gai - pa, Gai - pa! Gai pa, Gai - pa,

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VERSE 4



Gai - pa! M.NARR See the Wit-itj high a-bove them, might-y o - live-col-oured Py-thon,

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Ang - ry they're so dis - re - spect - ful, Spits a cloud in - to the sky.

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F.NARR

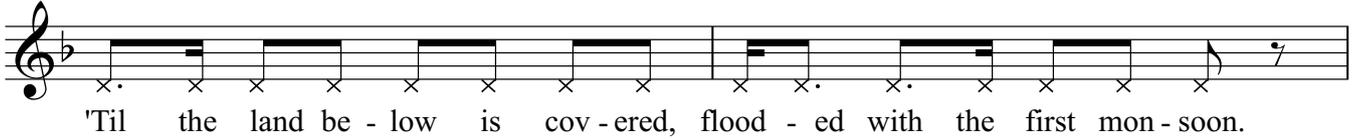


From this cloud comes thun - der, light-ning, rain in show - ers, rain in torr - ents,

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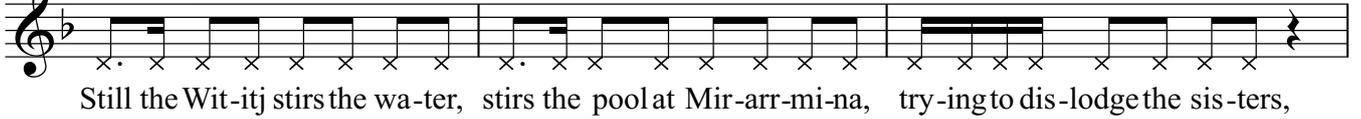
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'Til the land be - low is cov - ered, flood - ed with the first mon - soon.

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Still the Wit-itj stirs the wa-ter, stirs the pool at Mir-arr-mi-na, try-ing to dis-lodge the sis-ters,

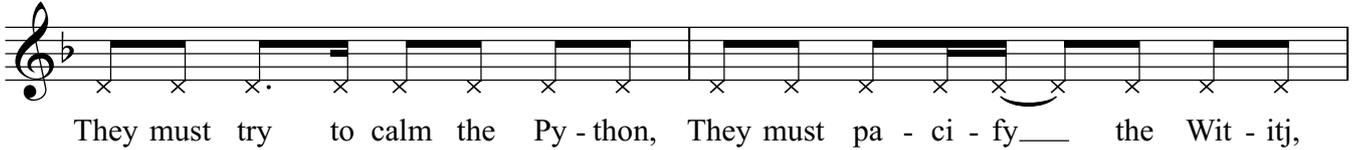
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F.NARR



Wash them in the wa - ter - hole. Ter - ri - fied the sis - ters quiv - er.

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They must try to calm the Py - thon, They must pa - ci - fy the Wit - itj,

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ff



They must dance and they must sing. Gai pa, Gai - pa, Gai - pa! Gai pa, Gai - pa,

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VERSE 5



Gai - pa! F.NARR All the sing-ing, all the danc-ing, does - n't calm the foam-ing wa-ters,

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Gar - an - garr and Bu wa - li - ri can - not stop the rag - ing storm. Tir - ed out, they fall ex - haust - ed,

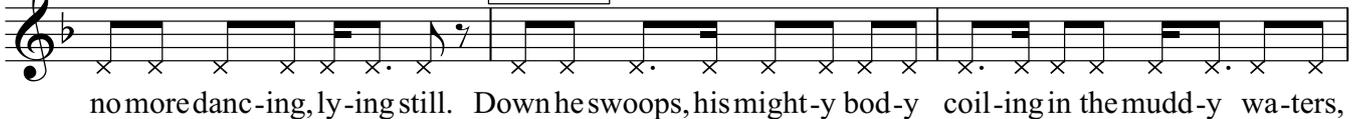
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lie there sense - less in the wa - ter, Wit - itj sees them down be - low him,

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no more danc-ing, ly-ing still. Down he swoops, his might-y bod-y coil-ing in the mudd-y wa-ters,

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'til his head is at the sur - face, close to where the sis - ters lie. With a roar his mouth gapes o - pen,

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Down his gull - et streams the wa - ter, Sis - ters, ba - by, bark-wood shel - ter,

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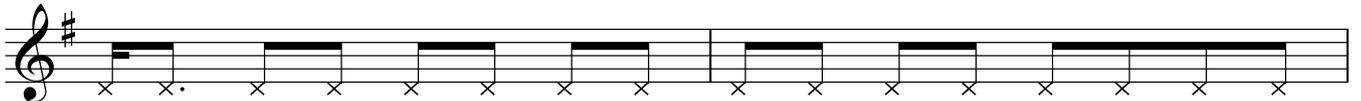
poco allarg.
dog Wuln - garr - i, swall - owed down.

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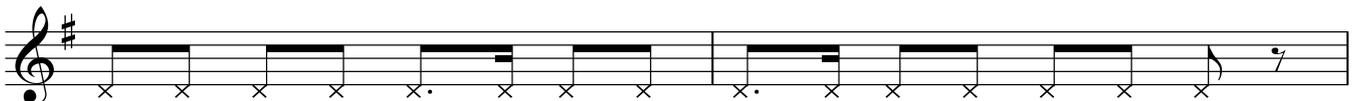
Furioso
fff Gai pa, Gai - pa, Gai pa! Gai pa, Gai - pa, Gai - pa!

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M.NARR Wit - itj straight - ens up his bod - y high a - bove the flood - ed land - scape.

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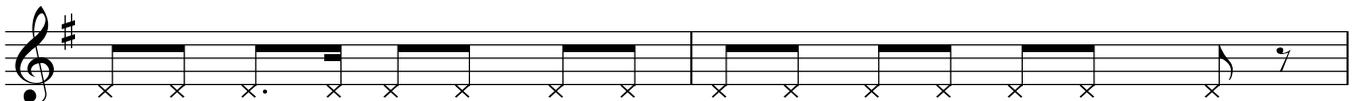
He looks down and calms the tem - pest, makes a rain - bow in the sky.

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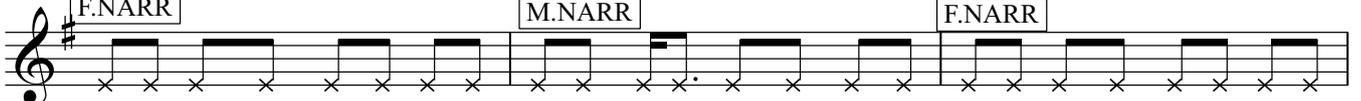
Then he groans and holds his stom - ach, feel - ing sore and feel - ing pain - ful.

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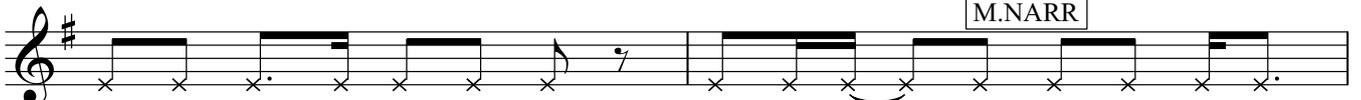
"What is this that I have eat - en? I have eat - en some - thing wrong!"

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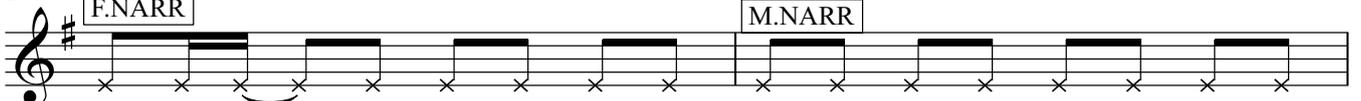
F.NARR Then a snake from Warr - a - mir - i **M.NARR** and an - oth - er from Mar - wu - yu, **F.NARR** and a third from Gol - u - ma - la,

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raise their heads a - bove the cloud. **M.NARR** "What's the fuss? Yes, what has happ - ened?"

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F.NARR "What's the prob - lem, Ol - ive Py - thon?" **M.NARR** Ol - ive Py - thon groans and an - swers;

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106 F.NARR

"I'm in pain!" the py - thon says. "Tell us, what have you been eat - ing?"

108 M.NARR F.NARR

"La - lu; Parr - rot - fish" he an - swers. "Is that all? Are you quite cer - tain?"

110 M.NARR F.NARR

"Yes, that's all," the Wit - itj says. Then, from deep in - side the Py - thon

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comes Wuln - garr - i's voice, quite clear - ly, "That's not true!" Wuln - garr - i shouts out,

114 f BOTH f

Lis - ten to what the Din - go says: Hear Wuln - garr - i. ALL He ate

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Gar - an - garr and Bu - wa - li - ri, Yir - rit - ja and ding - o, he ate me too! He

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did - n't eat La - lu, he ate no fish - es, Hear Wuln - garr - i!

122 F.NARR

All the snakes now shout at Wit - itj, "You've been ly - ing, Ol - ive Py - thon!"

124 M.NARR F.NARR M.NARR F.NARR

"You're no good! You're bad! You're rub - bish! Spoiled your bod - y, Ate bad food!"

126 M.NARR

"Oh al - right.." the Wit - itj grum - bles, "I ad - mit, it was - n't fish - es;

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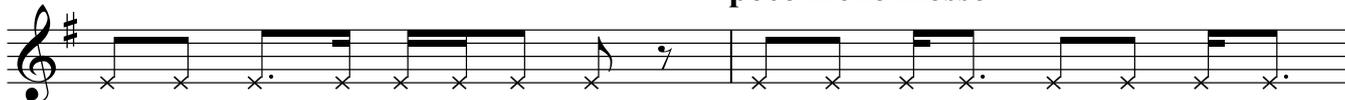
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Yes, it's true, I at two wom - en, ba - by, hut, and ding - o too!" All those snakes are ver - y ang - ry,

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poco meno mosso



"You're no good; we nev - er eat that. It's for - bid - den, we are bro - thers,

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M.NARR



They're our fam - il - y, our clan!" Then the snake at N - gay - pin - ya, ev - en cross - er than the oth - ers,

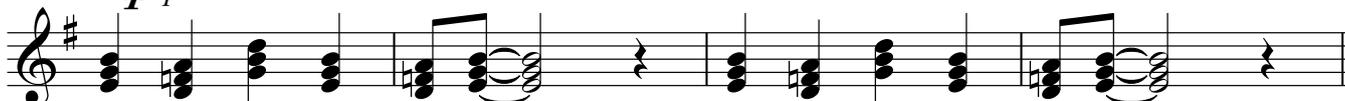
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Makes a flash - ing streak of light - ning, Knock the Wit - itj to the ground.

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mp plaintive



ALL Gai - pa, Gai - pa, Gai pa! Gai - pa, Gai - pa, Gai pa!

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Meno mosso - misterioso

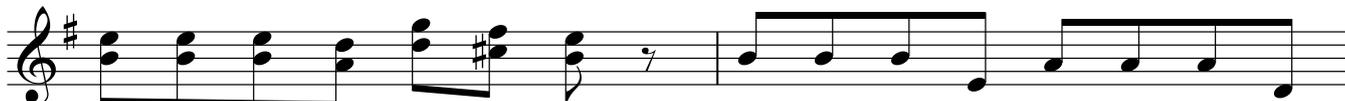
M.NARR



F.NARR Then the voi - ces of the sis - ters come from deep with - in the py - thon." We are here now, we're Ma - rai an,

F.NARR

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sac - red know - ledge of the snake. We have joined our Kur - a - ni - ta,

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Now our spir - its are to - geth - er, We have ming - led all our se - crets

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poco a poco accel

M.NARR

(spoken)



Now our spir - its speak through them." So the sa - cred cer - e - mon - ies

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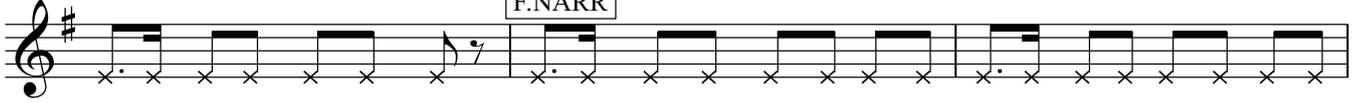
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of the Wit - itj and the sis - ters To the Wa - wi - laks___ was giv - en,

Tempo primo

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F.NARR
all the laws of right and wrong. And the snake, be - neath the wa - ters of the pool at Mir - arr - mi - na,

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soft - lyslum - bers 'til the Wa - wi - laks___ should need him once a - gain.

Tempo primo



Gai pa, Gai - pa, Gai - pa! Gai pa, Gai - pa, Gai - pa! *fff* We got

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1. We got Hear Wuln - garr - i!
2.