

# The Birch Tree

## "Beryozka"

**For female, male, or mixed voice choir.** The suggested configuration for mixed voices is shown in **bold**, although larger choirs may wish to simply split each voice equally between men and women.

**Sprightly**

Duration: ca. 1'45"

Russian folk song  
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**♩ = 58**

**Verses 1 & 4**

Voice 1 (soprano / tenor 8ve. lower) *f*  
 In the meadow stands a little birch tree,  
 Three small twigs I'll cut from your branches,

Voice 2 (soprano / alto / bass 8ve. lower) *mf*  
 ooh ooh ooh ooh

Voice 3 (alto / bass 8ve. lower) *mf*  
 ooh ooh ooh ooh

2

1 Cur - ly leaves all danc - ing when the wind blows,  
 Three pipes I will make for me to play on,

2

3

3 *ff*

1 Lie lie lie, When the wind blows, Lie lie lie, When the wind blows.  
 Lie lie lie, For to play on, Lie lie lie, For to play on.

2 *ff*

3 *ff*

1 Lie lie lie, When the wind blows, Lie lie lie, When the wind blows.  
 Lie lie lie, For to play on, Lie lie lie, For to play on.

2 Lie lie lie, When the wind blows, Lie lie lie, When the wind blows.  
 Lie lie lie, For to play on, Lie lie lie, For to play on.

3 Lie lie lie, When the wind blows, Lie lie lie, When the wind blows.  
 Lie lie lie, For to play on, Lie lie lie, For to play on.

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## Verses 2 & 5

5

1 *mp*  
ooh ooh ooh ooh

2 *f*  
Ear - ly will I rise\_ and go walk - ing, Ear - ly will I rise up and go walk - ing,  
From a fourth I'll make a ba - la - lai - ka, I will carve a ting-ling ba - la - lai - ka,

3 *mp*  
ooh ooh ooh ooh

7

1 *ff*  
Lie\_ lie lie, And go walk - ing, Lie\_ lie lie, And go walk - ing.  
Lie\_ lie lie, Ba - la - lai - ka, Lie\_ lie lie, Ba - la - lai - ka.

2 *ff*  
Lie lie lie, And go walk - ing, Lie lie lie, And go walk - ing.  
Lie li lie, Ba - la - lai - ka, Lie lie lie, Ba - la - lai - ka.

3 *ff*  
Lie lie lie, And go walk - ing, Lie lie lie, And go walk - ing.  
Lie lie lie, Ba - la - lai - ka, Lie lie lie, Ba - la - lai - ka.

## Verses 3 & 6

9

1 *pp*  
mm mm mm mm

2 *pp*  
mm mm mm mm

3 *mp*  
Oh my lit - tle tree\_ I need bran - ches, For the sil - ver flutes I need bran - ches,  
I will go and call u - pon my lo - ver, Wa - ken, wa - ken, oh my dar - ling, wa - ken,

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3

11 *mp*

1 Lie lie lie, I need branches, Lie lie lie, I need branches.  
Lie lie lie, Dar-ling, wa - ken, Lie lie lie, Dar-ling, wa - ken.

2 Lie lie lie, I need branches, Lie lie lie, I need branches.  
Lie li lie, Dar-ling, wa - ken, Lie lie lie, Dar-ling, wa - ken.

3 Lie lie lie, I need branches, Lie lie lie, I need branches.  
Lie lie lie, Dar-ling, wa - ken, Lie lie lie, Dar-ling, wa - ken.

## Verse 7

13 *f*

1 When I play my new ba - la - lai - ka, I will think of you my love - ly birch tree,  
ooh ooh

2 ooh ooh

3 ooh ooh

**molto rit.**

15 *ff* *p*

1 Lie lie lie, Love-ly birch tree, Lie lie lie, Love-ly birch tree.

2 Lie lie lie, Love-ly birch tree, Lie lie lie, Love-ly birch tree.

3 Lie lie lie, Love-ly birch tree, Lie lie lie, Love-ly birch tree.