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HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH MYSELF

as sung by the Dealer's Choice

Words and Music by RAY STEVENS

Arrangement by GARY PARKER









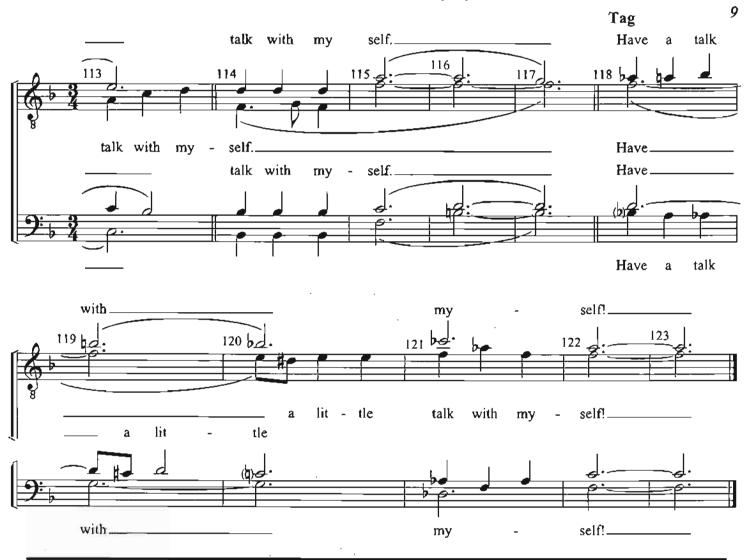












Performance Notes

Ray Stevens was born Harry Dale Ragsdale in Georgia on January 11, 1939. He started his career as a classically trained composer and musician. He wrote dozens of songs, but, as luck would have it, he struck gold with his novelty material. Gitarzan, released in 1969, became a million-seller hit. He later won a Grammy award for Everything is Beautiful and a second Grammy in 1975 for Misty. But he will probably be remembered best for The Streak, Ahab the Arab, Santa Claus is Watching You and a BHS performers' favorite, Turn Your Radio On. In 1969-70 he had modest country hits with Sunday Morning Coming Down and Have a Little Talk With Myself.

Stevens was elected to the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1980, and has earned dozens of Gold and Platinum records, as well as other awards. He recently scored a YouTube hit with We the People, released Sept 11, 2009. Arranger Gary Parker, bass of the BHS championship quartet the Dealer's Choice, arranged this song as a show number for his quartet. It has been covered by dozens of BHS quartets, including champions the Side Street Ramblers, and Max Q.

Performers should take note: This chart is very rangy. The key chosen will have to take into account the extreme ranges of the bass and/or the tenor. The demo track is pitched in F, as the chart was written, while the learning tracks from BHS are pitched in Gb. A frantic sort of feel when the song reaches measure 102 until measure 110 seems appropriate, reflecting the performers' life frustrations.

As a final note: Questions about the contest suitability of this or any other song or arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest rules. Ask before you sing.