

# I Would Build a Cloudy House

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**Simply** ♩=75

SOPRANO

ALTO *solo*  
*mp*  
I would build a cloud-y house for my thoughts to live in: When for earth too fan cy loose,

TENOR

BASS

Piano (rehearsal)  
**Simply** ♩=75 D G G/A A G/A

4

*pp*  
Ooo

*end solo*  
and too low for heav-en. Hush! I talk my dream a-loud, I build it bright to see, I

A G/A D D G

A

7

build it on a moon-light cloud, to which I looked with thee.

Cloud-walls of the morn-ing's grey

Ooo

G/A A G/A A G/A D

A

D

10

Ooo

faced with am-ber col-umn, crowned with crim-son cup - o - la

from a sun-set sol emn

G G/A A G/A A G/A D

13

pale and glim - mer ing, with a sun-beam hid in each,  
 pale and glim-mer - ing, with a sun-beam hid in each,  
 May-mists for the case-ments, fetch, \_\_\_\_\_ with a sun - beam  
 May-mists for the case-ments, fetch, \_\_\_\_\_ with a sun - beam,

D A D D A<sup>7</sup> G G/A A G/A

16

**B** *p* **more seriously**  
 and the smell of spring. Build a spa - cious hall there - by:  
 and the smell of spring. Build a spa - cious hall there - by:  
 and the smell of spring. Build a spa - cious hall there - by:  
 and the smell of spring. Build a spa - cious hall there - by:

**B** *p* **F#m<sup>7</sup> more seriously**

A G/A D

18

Bold - ly, nev - er fear - ing, Use the blue place of the sky,

Bold - ly, ne - ver fear - ing, Use the blue place of the sky,

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Bold - ly, ne - ver fear - ing, Use the blue place of the sky,

B(sus4) Bm(add2) G Bm Em<sup>7</sup>

20

(Ooo) which the wind is clear-ing; Branched with cor - ri - dors sub lime, flecked with wind-ing stairs,

which the wind is clear-ing; Branched with cor - ri - dors sub lime, flecked with wind-ing stairs,

which the wind is clear-ing; Branched with cor - ri - dors sub lime, flecked with wind-ing stairs,

which the wind is clear-ing; Branched with cor - ri - dors sub lime, flecked with wind-ing stairs,

G/A F#m/A A<sup>11</sup> D F#m<sup>7</sup> B(sus4) Bm(add2)

23

(Ooo)

Such as chil - dren love to climb, fol - lowing their own pray - ers.

Such as chil - dren love to climb, fol - lowing their own pray - ers.

Such as chil - dren love to climb, fol - lowing their own pray - ers.

Such as chil - dren love to climb, fol - lowing their own pray - ers.

G Bm Em7 G/A F#m/A A11 D

**C** lightly

25

Bring from the \_\_\_\_\_ Bring

Bring a sha - dow\_ Bring a pur - ple

green and still \_\_\_\_\_

still from the chest - nut for - est from the hill

**C** lightly

A7 Bm7 G Bm A7 F#m7

28

when the heat is sor - est; Spread them out from wall to wall

when the heat is sor - est; Spread them out form wall to wall

Spread them out from wall to wall

Bm F#(sus4) C#7 F#m C#7 F#m C#7 F#m

30

car - pet - wove a - round Where - u - pon the foot shall fall

car - pet - wove a - round Where - u - pon the foot shall fall In

car - pet - wove a - round Where - u - pon the foot shall fall

car - pet - wove a - round Where - u - pon the foot shall fall

C#7 F#m F C F Bb

D

32

Bring a grey cloud from the east, where the lark is sing-ing;  
 light in-stead of sound...  
 Ooo  
 Ooo  
 Ooo  
 Ooo

B $\flat$ /C **D** F F B $\flat$ (add2)

36

Some - thing of the song at least, un - lost in the bring - ing.  
 Some - thing of the song at least, Ooo  
 Some - thing of the song at least, Ooo  
 Some - thing of the song at least, Ooo

B $\flat$ /C F Gm $^7$ /C C $^7$ (sus4) F

38

Ooo

Ooo

Ooo

That shall be a morn - ing chair po - et - dream may sit in,

F B $\flat$ (sus2)

40

Ooo un - rhymed and un - writ - ten

Ooo un - rhymed and un - writ - ten

Ooo un - rhymed and un - writ - ten

When it leans out on the air, un - rhymed and un - writ - ten

F C/F C Gm $^7$  C $^7$ (sus4) F(add2)



E

42

for my thoughts to live in.\_\_\_\_\_

I would buid a cloud - y house.\_\_\_\_\_

E

F

Bb

44

Hush! I talk my dream a - loud,\_\_\_\_\_

When for earth too fan - cy loose, I

and too low for heav - en.\_\_\_\_\_

47

*rit.*

I build it on the moon-lit cloud, I

*rit.*

I build it on the moon-lit cloud, I I

8 build it bright to see, I

*rit.*

I

50

*mf much more slowly rit.*

build it on the moon - lit cloud, to which I looked with thee.

*mf*

build it on a moon - lit cloud to which I Looked with thee.

*mf*

build it on a moon - lit cloud to which I looked with thee.

*mf*

build it on a moon - lit cloud to which I looked with thee.

*rit.*

*much more slowly*