

bayou-borne

This is a map of the 'mother' bayou flowing through Houston, Texas - Buffalo Bayou - and its main tributaries, reading from north to south:

Greens Bayou with a secondary tributary; White Oak Bayou; Buffalo Bayou; Brays Bayou; Sims Bayou.

Version 1: Three voices, a cappella, interpreting the lines as vocal lines with one singer choosing Buffalo Bayou, and each of the other singers choosing a different tributary. Duration 85 secs.

Read downstream (from the left), noting the point at which your tributary enters relative to Buffalo Bayou, all reaching the spot marked * at 65 secs. then moving out to the Bay during the last 20 secs.

Version 2 *: Six players, vocal and or instrumental. Read as six lines/parts with Greens Bayou taken by two players who converge.

The players can be separated spatially initially, coming together at the spot marked * then moving out to the Bay.

Duration open but at a minimum twenty minutes.

* Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern would be a richly resonant performance location for this version. This is an 87,500 sq. foot underground water reservoir chamber, now decommissioned and empty, administered by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership.

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