

Piano/Conductor

The 25th Annual  
Putnam County  
Spelling Bee

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# THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Music and Lyrics by  
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Orchestrated  
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RONA: "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."  
(Rona hugs trophy)

1 Moderato 2 3 4 CHIP: At the

Vibes, Cl. (first x only) mp

w/Syn mp

5 Twen - ty Fifth An - nu - al Put - nam Coun - ty Spel - ling

(Syn sus)

9 10 11 12

Bee, My pa - rents keep on tel - ling me just

w/Syn

w/Vcl.

13 14 15 16

be - ing here is win - ning Al - though I know it is - nt

Vibes Syn (RH)

w/Syn

w/Syn (LH)

+Vcl (8va)

17 18 19 20

RONA: + CHIP:

so. But it's a ve - ry nice, ve - ry ve - ry nice, ve - ry ve - ry nice,

+Vibes,Cl. Syn

w/Syn (LH),Vcl,WB

RONA: Our winner last year: Chip Tolentino.  
(Schwarz enters)  
And, our youngest competitor, Logainne Schwarzandgrubenierre  
(Coneybear enters)

3 x's

22

ve - ry nice      be - gin - ning.

+Cl.      Syn

Vcl (pizz.)

23

+Small Tri.

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25

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CONEYBEAR:

Cl, Vcl. (8vb)

w/Syn

+Tri.

+Glock

At the

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Twen - ty Fifth An - nu - al

Put - nam Coun - ty Spel - ling

Cl, Vcl. (8vb)

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35 RONA: Leaf Coneybear!

Game (Bee!) I'll stand when they an - nounce my name And

Cl, Xylo. Vibes, Cl.

w/Syn (RH)

w/Syn (LH), Vcl

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SCHWARZY:

38

39

try to keep from sha - king. A - las, his sha - king will not

Vibes Syn.

+Vcl (trem)

Vcl

RONA:  
CHIP:  
CONEYBEAR:  
SCHWARZY:

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42

43

pass. 'Cause it's a ve-ry big, ve-ry fraught, sim-ple but it's not, it's a

Vibes, Cl. Syn.

w/WB, Syn

RONA: Returning after last season's tragic setback: William Barfee

BARFEE: It's pronounced Barfée, there's an accent aigu.

(Marcy enters)

(GO on: BARFEE: "There's an accent aigu")

44 **Vamp** 45 46 47 48

ve-ry big un - der - ta-king.

+Cl.

w/Syn (8vb)

w/Vcl. (8va)

+Drs - time (rattan brushes)

RONA: I'm not sure who this girl is-  
MARCY: Marcy Park.

49 **Vamp** 50 (GO on: "Marcy Park") 51 **SCHWARZY:** 52

**Piu Mosso**

Cl. w/Vcl. (8vb)  
(first x only)

Win-ner's des - ti - na - tion

+Syn. (RH)

Syn (8vb)

(Drs, - 8ths)

53 54 55 56

Wash - ing - ton D. C.

Fl.

Vcl. *f*

SCHWARZY+CHIP:

57 58 59 60

Plas - ma - T. V. in a fan - cy ho - tel,

mp

Syn, Vibes

Syn. sim.

+MARCY:

(look @ MARCY from S of her)

61 62 63 64

where they treat you well.

Syn. w/Fl, Vcl.

CT, RP:  
LC, MP:  
65 WB(8va), LS:

CT, RP:  
LC, MP:  
65 WB(8va), LS:

66 67 68

ALL: All be - cause you love to spell. We

Syn.

+Vcl.

Vcl.

+Drs. fill

69 **Tempo I**

70 71 ✓ 72 **RONA:**

spell! \_\_\_\_\_ It's a

Fl, Vcl. *mp* Fl.

w/Syn.

73 74 75 76

mar - ve - lous me - mo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ if you win the Spel - ling

77 78 79 80

Bee. One's life im - proves from A to Z the

Fl, Vibes, Vcl..

Vibes w/Fl, Vcl.

w/Syn

81

82

83

84

min - ute you are crowned here \_\_\_\_\_ I see a tro - phy held by

Fl, Vcl, Vibes

w/Syn (sus)

Vcl.

pp.

85

86

87

88

me! \_\_\_\_\_ But when I won, did I swell? Oh, the sto - ries I could tell but

Fl, Glock

Syn, Vibes

+Syn (LH)

+Vcl.

+Drs.

OLIVE: Hi! Do you know where I check in?  
 BARFEE: Excuse me. I've marked this area off with invisible tape.  
 OLIVE: Oh, sorry.

89

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91 (voc. 1st x only)

92

92a

brag - garts won't\_ do well a round here.

+Fl.

Fl. (play every other x)

pp

pp



93

**CONEYBEAR:**

At the twen-ty fifth an-nu-al — we've me-mo-rized the ma-nu-al —

Fl. *mf*

Syn (sus)  
Vcl.

97

**ALL:**

A - bout how to spell these words.

Fl, Vcl. *mf*

Syn (8va)

101

Words that re - qui - re thought.

Fl, Vcl.

Syn (8va)

Vcl.

105 106 107 108 1 2 3

Peo - ple think we're au - to - ma - tons. but

Syn w/Fl, Vcl.

109 110 111 112 1 2 3 *ff* MARCY:

that is ex - act - ly what we're not. We

Vcl.

113 114 SCHWARZY: 115 CONEY: 116

hear the word..... We breathe... We wait...

Syn, Vibes Fl. Syn, Vibes (8va)

Vcl sim..

117 **ALL:** 118 119 120

Un - like i - di - ots we i - de -

+Fl (trill)  
Syn.

w/Vcl. (arco)  
Vcl. (pizz.), Small Tri.

CT:  
OO:  
LC, MP:  
WB(8va), LS:

RONA: To ideate is to form an image or idea, to think.

121 122 123

**CONEY:**

ate! At the

Syn, Fl, Xylo.

+Fl.  
+Vcl. (15vb)  
+WB

124 125 126 127

Twen - ty Fifth An - nu - al Put - nam Coun - ty Spel - ling

Fl.  
mf

w/Syn (RH)

w/Vcl, Syn (LH)

128 **SCHWARZY:** 129 130 131 **+OLIVE:**

Bee, we feel no an - i - mos - i - ty and  
 +Vibes (8vb) even when you're num-ber three +Vibes, Syn. *vcl.*

Fl, Vcl.

132 133 **BARFEE:** 134 135

yet our heads are spin - ing. We are the slight - est bit bi -  
 get to go to dis tricts...  
 Syn w/Vcl, Vibes

136 137 **MARCY:** 138 **CONEY:** 139 **SCHWARZY:**

zarre but since the time is now, ho - ly cow, we shall take a sol - emn vow to

+Xylo

Vcl. w/Syn.

140 141 **Rit.** **ALL:**

con - cen - trate on win - ing. We

Alto w/Vcl. (8vb)

*mf*

+Drs. fill +Syn.

142 **Broader** 143 **Rit.** 144 145

RP,CT: OO,MP,LC: con-cen-trate on win-ning! At the

WB,LS:

+Syn. (8vb)

+Drs. fill

146 **A tempo** 147 148 149

Twen-ty Fifth An - nu - al Put - nam Coun - ty Spel - ling

Alto w/Syn.

Vcl. (8vb)

8va

w/Syn.

+Cym roll

150 151 152 153 RONA:

Bee. We speak so damn con - vinc - ing - ly. They're

Alto w/Syn.

+Vcl. +Drs. fill

154 155 GIRLS: 156 157

ner-vous but they're grin - ning. OO: MP: It seems we're liv - ing out our

Syn. w/Alto LS:

w/Syn. Vcl.

158 159 BOYS: 160 161

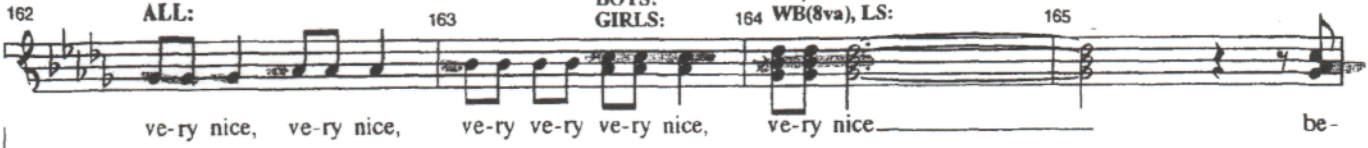
dreams. Which is a ve-ry nice, ve-ry nice, ve-ry ve-ry ve-ry nice,

Syn.

+Vcl.

RP, OO, CT:  
MP, LC:  
WB(8va), LS:

162 **ALL:** 163 **BOYS:** 164 **GIRLS:** 165

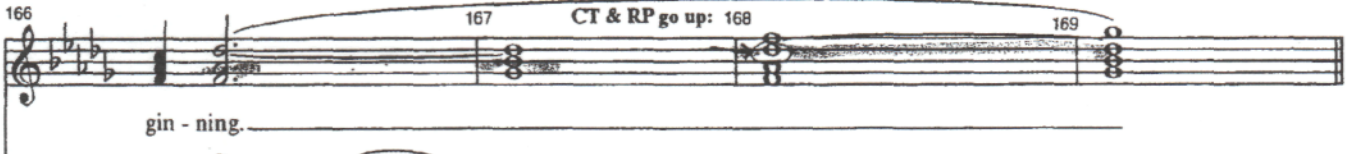


ve-ry nice, ve-ry nice, ve-ry ve-ry ve-ry nice, ve-ry nice. be-

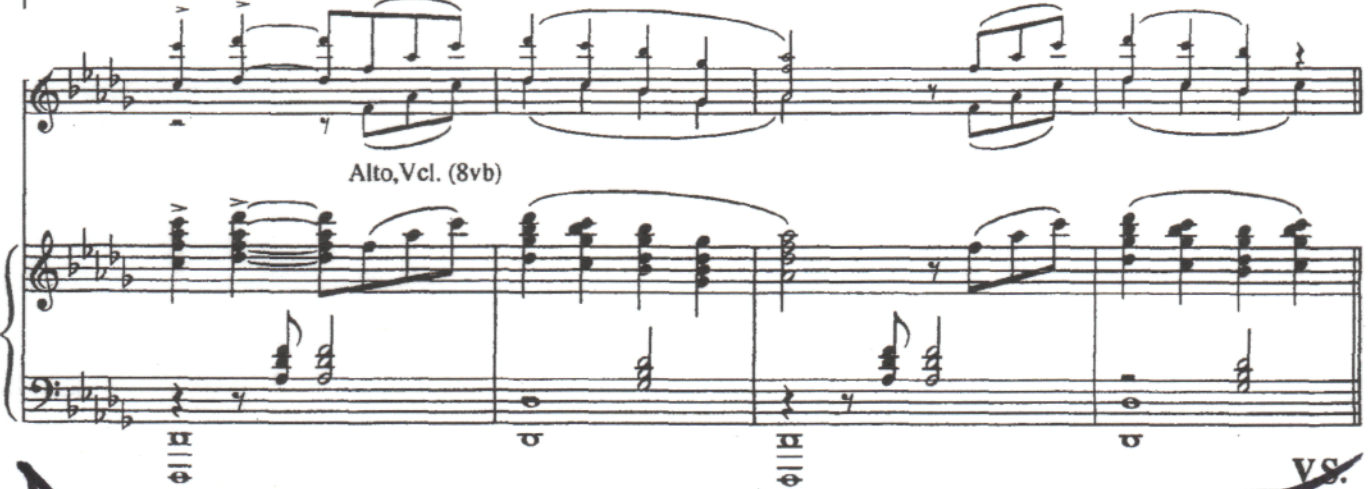


Syn.  
Alto

166 167 **CT & RP go up:** 168 169



gin - ning.



Alto, Vcl. (8vb)  
Vs.

170

RONA:

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172 +REST:

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Twen - ty Fifth An - nu - al. Twen - ty - fifth

Syn.

Vcl. (8vb)

+Drs. fill

+Drs. fill

174

175

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177

An - nu - al. Put - nam Coun - ty

w/Vcl.

+Drs. fill

178

Broaden

179

180

RP goes up.

181

182

183

RP, OO, CT: Spel - ling Bee.  
MP, LC: Bee.  
WB(8va), LS: Bee.

Alto

Vcl. f

w/Syn.

8va

+Timp