

Kneading Bread

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There's a rhy - thm to it, fold - ing the dough o - ver and o - ver the

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flu - id mo - tion _____ of the heel of your hand. Don't be a - fraid,

subito p

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fold_ it o - ver, push it a - way _____ with the heel of your hand.

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who re - fu - ses to bow down, in the name of the wo - man who turns to the Mo - ther of God,

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poco f *poco p*

the wo - man whose child dies in her arms, the wound and fire of her

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poco f dolce *pp* *sotto voce* *pp dolce*

long - ing. I pro - mise you we will re - turn. Don't be af -

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mp *(mp)*

- raid, there's a rhy - thm to it, fold - ing the dough with the heel of your

75 *mf* *mp cantabile*

hand. We will re - turn. The flu - id mo - tion o - ver and

78 *poco f* *pp molto dolce*

o - ver, don't be af - raid, Don't be af-raid,

81 *p cantabile* *mp*

there's _____ a rhy - thm to it. Push it a - way _____ with the heel of your

84 *poco f poco* *p subito sotto voce*

hand; don't be af-raid, don't be af-raid, _____

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When I was young, Grand - ma Mar-guer-ite made the dark loaves ____ of the old ____

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world. Grand - ma Ru - by in Mis-sis - sip - pi ____ made corn-bread, black-strap and

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jam. All o - ver wo-men make bread. Don't be a - fraid, keep up the

rhy - thm, ____ we'll talk, my son, of bread that fills us ____ and

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grain the first fruits of all tribes. Don't be a - fraid, a rhy - thm

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to it, knead-ing to stay a - live. My son, you know

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what be - fore on - ly a daugh - ter would learn: how to sur - vive in - side this

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rhy - thm. The flu - id mo - tion of the heel of your hand. Cen - tu - ries

mp

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of wo-men mak-ing bread. Don't be af-raid, we sing and fight, cry our tears, knead our

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bread, grow our corn, sow our wheat, we who sur-vive the rhy-thm of it.

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Don't be af-raid, my son, and in the name of wo-men who walk in sha-dows

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de-nied shel-ter, the wo-man forced from her home shift-ing ash-es for re-venge

51 *f* *ma dolce* *molto* *poco ritenuto* *A tempo*
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the wo - man search-ing for food who sees child-ren burn-ing; — and in the

poco ritenuto *A tempo*
mp 3

54 *poco f* *dolcis.*

name of the ex-iled wo - man — who sings us to sleep. Don't be af-raid,

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o - ver and o - ver push it a - way — with the heel of your hand. And in the name of —

60 *mf* *molto*

the wo - man who tends the fire, — whose hands bring heal - ing, — the wo - man

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