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# When I First Came To This Land

Words + Music by  
Oscar Brand

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For SATB with Percussion + Optional Piano  
(Performance Time: ~ 3 min)

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S. (Soprano) — 4 —  
(Piano)

A. (Alto)

T. (Tenor)

B. (Bass)

1 3 5 5 | 6 6 5 - | 4 5 3 2 1 |  
When I first came to this land, I was not a  
1 3 5 5 | 6 6 5 - | 4 5 3 2 1 |  
When I first came to this land, I was not a

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S.

A.

T. 2 2 1 - | 1. 3 5 5 | 6 6 5 0 | 4 2 1 ?  
wealthy man. So I built my-self a shack, I did what I

B. 2 2 1 - | 1. 3 5 5 | 6 6 5 0 | 4 2 1 ?  
wealthy man. So I built my-self a shack, I did what I

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S. 0 0 0 2 3 | 4 4 3 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 1. 3 5 5 |  
And he called his shack But the land was

A. 0 0 0 2 3 | 4 4 3 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 1. 3 5 5 |  
And he called his shack But the land was

T. 1 - 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 2 2 1 0 | 1. 3 5 5 |  
could. But the land was

B. 1 - 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 2 2 1 0 | 1. 3 5 5 |  
could. But the land was

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|   |                     |              |         |                   |
|---|---------------------|--------------|---------|-------------------|
| S | i 6 5 · 3           | 4 2 1 7      | 1 - - 0 | 0 0 0 0           |
| A | sweet and good, and | I did what I | could.  |                   |
| T | 6 6 5 · 3           | 1 1 1 7      | 1 - - 0 | 0 0 0 0           |
| B | sweet and good, and | I did what I | could.  |                   |
| S | i i i · i           | 6 6 5 4      | 3 - - 0 | 1 3 5 5           |
| A | sweet and good, and | I did what I | could.  | When I first came |
| T | 4 4 3 · 1           | 2 4 5 5      | 1 - - 0 | 1 3 5 5           |
| B | sweet and good, and | I did what I | could.  | When I first came |

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|   |                         |           |              |              |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| S |                         |           |              |              |
| A | _____                   |           | 4            | _____        |
| T | 6 6 5 -                 | 4 5 3 2 1 | 2 7 1 -      | 1 · 3 5 5    |
| B | to this land, I was not | a         | wealthy man. | So I got my- |
| S | 6 6 5 -                 | 2 7 1 1   | 5 5 1 -      | 1 · 3 5 5    |
| B | to this land, I was not | a         | wealthy man. | So I got my- |

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|   |               |              |                       |         |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------|
| S |               |              | 0 0 0 2 3             | 4 4 3 0 |
| A | _____ 2 _____ |              | And he called his cow |         |
| T |               |              | 0 0 0 2 3             | 4 4 3 0 |
| B |               |              | And he called his cow |         |
| S | 6 6 5 0       | 4 2 1 7      | 1 - 0 0               | 0 0 0 0 |
| A | self a cow.   | I did what I | could.                |         |
| T | 6 6 5 0       | 4 2 1 7      | 1 - 0 0               | 0 0 0 0 |
| B | self a cow.   | I did what I | could.                |         |

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|---|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| S | 0 0 0 0                 | 6 6 5 0 | 0 0 0 0                  | 1. <u>3</u> 5 5                     |
| A | 0 0 0 0                 | 4 4 3 0 | 0 0 0 0                  | 1. <u>3</u> 5 5                     |
| T | 2 2 1 0<br>No milk now, | 0 0 0 0 | 4 4 3 0<br>break my back | 1. <u>3</u> 5 5<br>But the land was |
| B | 2 2 1 0<br>No milk now, | 0 0 0 0 | 2 2 1 0<br>break my back | 1. <u>3</u> 5 5<br>But the land was |

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|   |                 |         |         |                      |
|---|-----------------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| S | i 6 5. <u>3</u> | 4 2 1 7 | 1 - - 0 | 0 0 0 0              |
| A | 6 6 5. <u>3</u> | 1 1 1 7 | 1 - - 0 | 0 0 0 0              |
| T | i i i. <u>i</u> | 6 6 5 4 | 3 - - 0 | 1 3 5 <sup>i</sup> 5 |
| B | 4 4 3. <u>1</u> | 2 4 5 5 | 1 - - 0 | 1 3 5 <sup>5</sup> 5 |

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|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| S | 0 0 0 5   5 5 5 5          | 5 5 5 -   5 - 0 5         |
| A | 0 0 0 5   5 5 5 5          | 5 5 5 -   5 - 0 0         |
| T | 6 7 i -   2 7 i 3          | 5 5 i   1. <u>3</u> 5 5   |
| B | 6 6 5 -   4 5 <u>3</u> 2 1 | 2 ? 1 -   1. <u>3</u> 5 5 |

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|---|---|--|------------------------|
| S | <u>i i i 5 i 5</u> 0   0 0 0 0   0 0 0 <u>2 3</u>   4 4 3 0                         | got him-self a duck,                               | And he called his duck |
| A | 0 0 0 0   0 0 0 0   0 0 0 <u>2 3</u>   4 4 3 0                                      |  | And he called his duck |
| T | <u>6 7</u> <u>i 2</u> 3 0   4 2 i 7   <u>i</u> - 0 0   0 0 0 0                      | <u>self</u> - <u>a</u> - duck, I did what I could. |                        |
| B | <u>4 5</u> <u>6 7</u> i 0   <u>6</u> <u>6</u> 5 <u>4</u>   <u>3</u> - 0 0   0 0 0 0 | <u>self</u> - <u>a</u> - duck, I did what I could. |                        |

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|   |  |              |                |                  |
|---|--|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| S | 0 0 0 0   6 6 5 0   0 0 0 0   i i i 0          |              | called his cow | called his shack |
| A | 0 0 0 0   4 4 3 6   0 0 0 0   6 6 5 0          |              | called his cow | called his shack |
| T | <u>2</u> 2 . 1 0   0 0 0 0   4 4 3 0   0 0 0 0 | Out a' luck, | no milk now,   |                  |
| B | <u>2</u> 2 . 1 0   0 0 0 0   2 2 1 0   0 0 0 0 | Out a' luck, | no milk now,   |                  |

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|---|--|---|--------------|
| S | 0 0 0 0   1 - <u>3</u> 5 5   i 6 5 . <u>3</u>   4 2 i 7        | But the land was sweet and good, and                | I did what I |
| A | 0 0 0 0   1 - <u>3</u> 5 5   4 4 5 . <u>5</u>   6 6 5 5        | But the land was sweet and good, and                | I did what I |
| T | 3 7 <u>i</u> 0   i . <u>i</u> i i   i i i . <u>i</u>   i i 2 2 | break my back. But the land was sweet and good, and | I did what I |
| B | 4 . 4 3 0   i . <u>i</u> 7 7   6 4 3 . <u>1</u>   2 4 5 5      | break my back. But the land was sweet and good, and | I did what I |

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|   |              |         |                                 |                                  |
|---|--------------|---------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| S | i - 0 0      | 0 0 0 0 | 4 6 i i                         | 2 7 i -                          |
| A | could,       |         |                                 | When he first come to this land, |
| T | 3<br>i - 0 0 | 1 3 5 5 | 6 6 5 -                         | 4 5 <u>32</u> 1                  |
| B | could,       |         | When I first come to this land, | I was not - a                    |
|   | 1 - 0 0      | 1 3 5 5 | 6 6 5 -                         | 4 5 <u>32</u> 1                  |
|   | could,       |         | When I first come to this land, | I was not - a                    |

|   |                 |                  |                     |                    |
|---|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| A | 4 6 <u>54</u> 3 | 5 5 5 0          | <u>i i i i</u> i 0  | 0 0 0 0            |
| T | he was not - a  | wealth-y man,    | got him-self a wife |                    |
| B | 4 6 <u>54</u> 3 | 5 5 5 0          | <u>i i i i</u> i 0  | 0 0 0 0            |
|   | he was not - a  | wealth-y man,    | got him-self a wife |                    |
|   | 2 7 1 -         | 1 3 5 5          | 6 6 5 0             | 4 2 i 7<br>i i 5 5 |
|   | wealth-y man,   | So I got my-self | a wife              | I did what I       |
|   | 2 7 1 -         | 1 3 5 5          | 6 6 5 0             | 6 6 5 4<br>2 4 5 5 |
|   | wealth-y man,   | So I got my-self | a wife              | I did what I       |

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|   |                 |                 |                    |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| S | 0 0 0 <u>23</u> | 4 4 3 0         | 0 0 0 0            | 6 6 5 0         |
| A | And he          | called his wife |                    | called his duck |
| T | 0 0 0 <u>23</u> | 4 4 3 0         | 0 0 0 0            | 6 6 5 0         |
| B | And he          | called his wife |                    | called his duck |
|   | i<br>5 - 0 0    | 0 0 0 0         | 2 <u>22</u> 1 0    | 0 0 0 0         |
|   | could,          |                 | Run for your life, |                 |
|   | 3<br>i - 0 0    | 0 0 0 0         | 2 <u>22</u> 1 0    | 0 0 0 0         |
|   | could,          |                 | Run for your life, |                 |

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|   |                |   |   |   |
|---|----------------|---|---|---|
| S | 0 0 0 0        | i i i 0                                     | 0 0 0 0                                     | $\frac{2}{7}$ $\frac{2}{7}$ $\frac{3}{1}$ 0 |
|   |                | called his cow                              |   | called his shack                            |
| A | 0 0 0 0        | $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{5}{3}$ 0 | 0 0 0 0                                     | 5 5 5 0                                     |
|   |                | called his cow                              |   | called his shack                            |
| T | <u>4</u> 4 3 0 | 0 0 0 0                                     | $\frac{7}{5}$ $\frac{7}{5}$ $\frac{i}{5}$ 0 | 0 0 0 0                                     |
|   | Out a' luck,   |   | no milk now,                                |   |
| B | <u>2</u> 2 1 0 | 0 0 0 0                                     | 4 4 3 0                                     | 0 0 0 0                                     |
|   | Out a' luck,   |   | no milk now,                                |   |

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|   |   |                                      |                |         |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| S | 0 0 0 0                                     | 1 <u>3</u> 5 5                       | i 6 5 <u>3</u> | 4 2 1 7 |
|   |   | But the land was sweet and good, and | I did what I   |         |
| A | 0 0 0 0                                     | 1 <u>3</u> 5 5                       | 4 4 5 <u>3</u> | 1 1 1 7 |
|   |   | But the land was sweet and good, and | I did what I   |         |
| T | $\frac{4}{2}$ $\frac{4}{2}$ $\frac{3}{i}$ 0 | i i i i                              | i i i i        | 6 6 5 4 |
|   | break my back                               | But the land was sweet and good, and | I did what I   |         |
| B | 5 5 5 0                                     | i i 7 7                              | 6 4 3 <u>1</u> | 2 4 5 5 |
|   | break my back                               | But the land was sweet and good, and | I did what I   |         |

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|   |         |                                 |                                |   |
|---|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| S | 1 - - 0 | 0 0 0 0                         | 0 0 0 0                        | 5 7 i 3                                     |
|   | could,  |                                 |                                | When I first came                           |
| A | 1 - - 0 | 0 0 0 0                         | 0 0 0 0                        | 5 7 i 3                                     |
|   | could,  |                                 |                                | When I first came                           |
| T | 3 - - 0 | 0 0 0 0                         | 4 6 i i                        | $\frac{2}{2}$ $\frac{2}{2}$ $\frac{3}{3}$ - |
|   | could,  |                                 | When I first came to this land |   |
| B | 1 - - 0 | 1 3 5 5                         | 6 6 5 -                        | 4 5 <u>3</u> 2 1                            |
|   | could,  | When I first came to this land, | I was not a                    |   |

S 5 5 5 - | 5 - - 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 4 2 1 7 | 1 - 0 2 3 |  
 to this land, - I did what I could, And he

A 5 5 5 - | 5 - - 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 4 2 1 7 | 1 - 0 2 3 |  
 to this land, - I did what I could, And he

T 4 2 3 2 i | 5 5 i 0 | i i i i i 0 | - | - |  
 I was not a wealthy man. got myself a son

B 2 7 1 - | 1 3 5 5 | 6 6 5 - | - | - |  
 wealthy man. So I got my-self a son

rit a tempo

4 4 3 - | 0 0 0 0 | 1 3 5 5 | i 6 5 3 | 4 2 1 7 |  
 told his son But the land was sweet and good, and I did what I

4 4 3 - | 0 0 0 0 | 1 3 5 5 | 6 6 5 3 | 1 1 1 7 |  
 told his son But the land was sweet and good, and I did what I

0 poco rit 0 0 0 | 2 2 1 0 | 1 3 5 5 | i i i - i | 6 6 5 4 |  
 My work's done. But the land was sweet and good, and I did what I

0 poco rit 0 0 0 | 2 2 1 0 | 1 3 5 5 | 4 4 3 1 | 2 4 5 5 |  
 My work's done. But the land was sweet and good, and I did what I

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1 - - 0 | 5 5 5 5 | 6 6 5 0 | i i i i | 2 2 3 3 |  
 could. 'cause the land was sweet and good, Yes, the land was sweet and good, and

1 - - 0 | 5 5 5 5 | 6 6 5 0 | 4 4 4 4 | 5 5 5 5 |  
 could. 'cause the land was sweet and good, Yes, the land was sweet and good, and

3 - - 0 | i i i i | i i i 0 | 6 6 6 6 | 7 7 i i |  
 could. 'cause the land was sweet and good, Yes, the land was sweet and good, and

1 - - 0 | i i i i | 2 2 i 0 | 6 6 6 6 | 7 7 i i |  
 could. 'cause the land was sweet and good, Yes, the land was sweet and good, and

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4 - 2 - | i - 7 - | i - - 0 | poco rit 3 - ||  
 I did what I could.

6 - 6 - | 5 - 5 - | 5 - - 0 | Piano ||  
 I did what I could.

i - i - | 2 - 2 - | 3 - - 0 | ||  
 I did what I could.

2 - 4 - | 5 - 5 | 1 - - 0 | ||  
 I did what I could.

- The End -