

A Bagel Is More

for Bagel Lover and Piano

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Music by
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*A bagel is more than a Jewish doughnut.
More than a roll with a hole.
More than a strange English muffin.
A bagel's got bagelly soul.*

*It is something a baby can teethe on.
The true home of cream cheese and lox.
A bagel is something to tie up your boat with,
To keep it from hitting the docks.*

*A bagel is made by the sweat of the brow,
By little old gnomes underground.
A bagel's the Shakespeare, the Tolstoy of flour.
A bagel is very profound.*

*A bagel is witty. A bagel's well-rounded.
A bagel never forgets.
Bagels as hard as bricks or concrete
Make wonderful weapons and pets.*

*A bagel is friendly. A bagel is modest.
A bagel is wholesome and sweet.
I've seen bagel Boy Scouts
On buses and subways
Graciously give up their seats.*

*So the next time you feel
That your life is the pits,
And you're trapped in the grind and the crunch.
Stagger right in to the closest warm bagelry,
And take a nice bagel to lunch.*

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Andante bageloso $\text{♩} = 80$

Voice *mf*

A ba - gel is more than a

Piano *f* *dim.* *mf*

Jew - ish dough - nut. More than a roll with a hole. _____ More than a strange Eng - lish

5

mp

muf - fin. A ba - gel's got ba - gel - ly soul. _____ It is

9

mp *mp* *mf*

13 some-thing a ba-by can teethe on. The true home of cream cheese and

cresc. *f*

cresc. *f*

17 lox. A ba-gel is some-thing to tie up your boat with. To

mf

mf

20 keep it from hit-ting the docks. A ba-gel is made by the sweat of the brow, By

mp

p poco marc.

24 lit-tle old gnomes un-der-ground. A ba-gel's the Shake-speare, the Tol-stoy of flour. A

f *sub. p*

f

molto cresc. *ff* *poco rit.*

ba - gel is ver - y pro-found.

28 *sub. p cresc.* *ff* *poco rit.*

Ponderoso ♩ = 56 *mp* *//* *mf*

33 A ba - gel is wit - ty. A ba - gel's well - round - ed. A

p

mp

37 ba - gel nev - er for - gets. Ba - gels as hard as bricks or con - crete Make

mp

cresc. ed accel. *f* *mf*

41 won - der - ful weap - ons and pets. A

cresc. ed accel. *f*

Tempo primo

ba - gel is friend-ly. A ba - gel is mod-est. A ba - gel is whole - some and

44

mf

sweet. I've seen ba - gel Boy Scouts On bus - es and sub-ways Gra-cious-ly give up their

48

poco marc. *dolce*

Ponderoso $\text{♩} = 56$

seats. So the next time you feel That your

52

rit. e dim. *mp*

life is the pits, And you're trapped in the grind and the crunch.

55

cresc. *f* *sonore*

mp accel e cresc. poco a poco *f*

Stag - ger right in to the clos - est warm ba - gel - ry, _____ And

[58] *mp accel e cresc. poco a poco*

Gioioso $\text{♩} = 94$ *ossia*
ff

take a _____ nice ba - gel _____ to lunch. _____

[61] *f* *sub. mf cresc.*

f *mp*

Take a nice ba - gel to lunch. Hm!

[65] *ff* *f* *mp*