

Mountain Presidents

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Voice

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of nine staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics describe the Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the four presidents whose faces are carved into the mountain: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe. The score includes chord markings (F, C, Bb) and measure numbers (3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19, 22) to indicate the structure of the piece.

F

In the hills of South Da ko ta there's a fam ous place, a

3 C F

moun tain called Mount Rush more. It has beau ty and grace. This moun tain has a fea ture that

6 C F

is be yond com pare, car vings of four Pres i dents ex qui site and rare.

9 B^b F

Moun tain men, moun tain men carved right in the stone, the fac es of four Pres i dents A

12 C F

mer i cans all know. George Wash ing ton is first, our first Pres i dent. He

15 C F

served for eight years and off he went. Thom as Jef fer son is next in line. He

19 C F

wrote the de clar a tion that ma ny would sign. Moun tain men, moun tain men

22 B^b F C F

carved right in the stone, the fac es of four Pres i dents A mer i cans all know.

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F

25



Third is Ted dy Roo se velt, he made a great mark. He set a side some land for a

C

F

28



na tion al park. The fin al face we see is that of hon est Abe, a

C

F

31



Pres i dent with cour age who was ver y brave. Moun tain men, moun tain men

B^b

F

C

F

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