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GP-D027  
SSAA, a cappella

Dessa

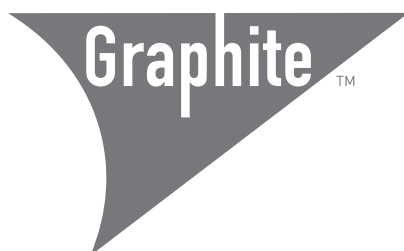
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for a cappella SSAA choir

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Text:

I'm building a body  
from balsam and ash  
I'm building a body with  
no god attached  
I'm building a body  
from blueprints in Braille  
I'm building a body  
where our design has failed

There's a book full of plans  
at the feet of poor Atlas  
titled For Man  
but the architects  
only drew blanks  
Now there's nowhere to go  
But go back, go back,  
Go back, go back  
- *Dessa*

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Text by: Dessa

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arr. Jocelyn Hagen

$\text{♩} = 52$

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S *p*  
huh huh huh huh huh huh

A *p*  
huh huh huh huh huh huh huh huh huh huh

A *mf*  
Oh Oh Oh Oh \_\_\_\_\_ Oh Oh Oh

5 *mf*  
Hey - yay - ee - yay Mm... \_\_\_\_\_ I'm build - ing a

etc.

etc.

Oh etc.

*mp*

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10

bod - y From bal - sam and ash I'm build - ing a bod - y with No - god - at -

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16

tached - I'm build - ing a bod - y From blue - prints in Braille I'm build - ing a

*mf*

*mf* Graphite™ *p* notable. elevated.

I'm build - ing a bod - y From blue - prints in Braille huh huh huh huh

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22

bod - y huh - There's a

bod - y huh - There's a

huh huh Where our - de-sign - has failed - huh -

huh -

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26

book full of - plans At the feet of poor At - las Ti - tled - 'For Man' - But the

book full of - plans At the feet of poor At - las Ti - tled - 'For Man' - But the

huh huh huh huh There's a book full of plans 'For Man' -

Oh Oh Oh Oh - Oh

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29

ar-chi-tects On-ly drew blanks — Now there's no where to go — But go back, —

ar-chi-tects On-ly drew blanks — Now there's no where to go go back, —

— On-ly drew blanks — huh huh huh huh Go

Oh etc. —

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go back — Ooh... — Ooh... — Ooh... —

go back — Ooh... — Ooh... — Ah... —

back, go back — huh huh huh huh huh huh huh huh

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Ah... Ooh... Ooh...

Ooh... Ooh... Ooh...

huh huh huh huh Ooh...

*mf* TM

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41

Ooh...

Ooh... huh huh huh huh huh huh

Ooh... Ah...

huh huh huh huh huh huh huh huh huh huh

*p*

*p*

*mp* TM

*p*

## Dessa



Dessa is a rapper, a singer, an essayist, and a proud member of the Doomtree hip-hop crew. She's performed around the world at opera houses and rock clubs and while standing on barroom tables. She's landed on the Billboard Top 200 Albums list as a solo artist (Parts of Speech, Chime), as a Doomtree member (All Hands), and as a contributor to The Hamilton Mixtape. As a writer, her work has appeared Minnesota Public Radio, in the *New York Times Magazine*, the *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis), *Minnesota Monthly*, and literary journals across the country. *My Own Devices*, her hardcover collection of essays, was published in 2018 by Dutton Books (Penguin Random House). Her previous collections include two short books of poetry and essays: *Spiral Bound* and *A Pound of Steam*. She now splits her time between Manhattan, Minneapolis, and a tour van cruising at six miles per hour above the posted limit.

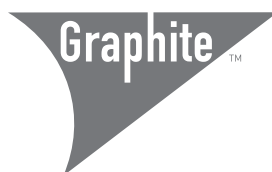
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