

## *So You Want to Sing Spirituals*

### **Appendix 3 – Spirituals in Musical Anthologies**

*Although Bach's cantatas are now performed in concert, they were written for the church and should be viewed in that context. By the same token, Afro-American religious music before the Civil War reflects the hopes, desires, and dreams of the slaves. The music after the war expresses something else and therefore, even when examining the music of this particular cultural tradition, we must be alert to the manners by which two manifestations might differ socially... I offer these points in partial reply to my question, indicating that Afro-American music is distinct and must be treated in this manner.<sup>1</sup>*

#### **AVAILABILITY OF SPIRITUAL MUSIC SCORES**

For all too many years, it was extremely difficult to acquire published vocal scores of spirituals. Few music stores or libraries carried in-print spirituals in their collections. A handful of older vocal scores, such as H. T. Burleigh's *The Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh*, have remained in publication, but most had disappeared from the shelves as they went out-of-print. For the most part, singers and teachers who were determined to study or perform spirituals had to rely on an underground network that disseminated fifth- or sixth-generation photocopies of out-of-print sheet music or the rare composer's manuscript.

Fortunately, a renewed interest in spirituals has also spurred the emergence of a variety of sources for acquiring the musical scores:

#### **Print Publishers**

Spirituals by contemporary and historical composers, for example, the Vivian Taylor compilation, *Art Songs and Spirituals by African-American Women Composers* (Hildegard Publishing), and *The Hall Johnson Collection: Over 50 Classic Favorites for Voice and Piano Including Two Performance CDs* (Carl Fischer), Hall Johnson's spirituals, have been re-issued into new collections. Independent publishers, such as Classical Vocal Reprints, focus on reprinting spirituals, as well as other music, that has entered the public domain.

Classical Vocal Reprints (spirituals search) -

[https://www.classicalvocalreprints.com/search.php?search\\_terms=spirituals&search\\_type=text](https://www.classicalvocalreprints.com/search.php?search_terms=spirituals&search_type=text)

GIA Publications (spirituals search) -

<https://www.giamusic.com/store/search?elSearchTerm=spirituals>

#### **Online Databases and Publishers**

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The Internet has also come to the rescue. Online databases, such as archive.org and IMSLP, are providing a growing collection of digitally scanned scores for free or minimal cost. Commercial services, including Sheet Music Plus, are now offering contemporary and historical musical scores for purchase in digital or paper formats. Publishers also sell scores online. Particularly noteworthy is the site produced by J. W. Pepper, which lists spirituals as sortable digital and print musical scores and as audio files they and other houses have published.

Archive.org - <https://archive.org/search.php?query=negro%20spirituals>

IMSLP (spirituals search) - <http://imslp.org/wiki/Category:Spirituals>

Sheet Music Plus (spirituals search) -

<http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/search/instruments/vocal/900120?Ntt=negro+spirituals>

J. W. Pepper (spirituals search) - [https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-](https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?keywords=spirituals&pageview=list-view&departments=Vocal)

[music/search.jsp?keywords=spirituals&pageview=list-view&departments=Vocal\)](https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?keywords=spirituals&pageview=list-view&departments=Vocal)

### **Self-Publishing Composers**

In recent years, composers, their families or other representatives have created the means to offer their musical scores through direct purchase. For up-and-coming composers, self-publishing, especially online under their own domains, has provided a fairly inexpensive means for potential customers and/or publishers to discover their work. Some established composers or their families have opted to self-publish in order to maintain editorial and distribution control over those works. A few of these composers are:

Moses Hogan - <https://www.singers.com/arrangers/Moses-Hogan/>

Jacksonian Press (Betty Jackson King) - <http://www.mcssl.com/store/jacksonian-press-inc>

Roy Jennings - <https://www.roy-jennings.com/>

Mar-Vel Music (Roland Carter) - <http://rolandcarter.com/RolandMarvinCarter-MAR-VEL.htm>

Shawn Okpebholo - [www.shawnokpebholo.com/](http://www.shawnokpebholo.com/)

David Ragland - <http://www.daveragland.com/>

Damien Sneed - <http://www.damiensneed.com/>

William Grant Still Music - <http://www.williamgrantstillmusic.com/>

### **Online Resellers**

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Last, but certainly not least, online resellers have opened up the opportunity for those who wish to sell and/or buy personal copies of out-of-print or newly published scores. How many private collections have benefited from services like Amazon.com and eBay is impossible to quantify.

### **SELECTED MUSICAL SCORES**

Below is a selected list of musical score compilations containing concert spirituals for solo voice. Only the spirituals contained in the compilations are listed--with composer and accompanying recording note where applicable.

Albritton, Andy M. *Great Spirituals: An Anthology or Program for Solo Voice and Piano for Concert and Worship*. Van Nuys, CA: Alfred Publ., 2007. (med-high/med-low voice eds., optional accompaniment CD)

Carry me home (Deep river/Swing low, sweet chariot) / Shafferman – Every time I feel the Spirit / Hayes – Give me Jesus / Shackley – Go, tell it on the mountain / Sterling – Here's one / Fettke – Joshua fit the battle of Jericho / Hayes – Were you there? / Shackley

Althouse, Jay, comp., ed. *Ready to Sing--Spirituals: Eleven Spirituals Simply Arranged for Voice and Piano, for Solo or Unison Singing*. [Van Nuys, CA]: Alfred Publ., 2000.

Gospel train / Althouse -- Ride the chariot / Albrecht -- Kum ba yah / Simms -- Down by the riverside; Wade in the water; Yes, my Lord; Go, tell it on the mountain; Joshua / Althouse -- Good news! / Simms -- Nobody knows the trouble I've seen / Althouse

Althouse, Jay, comp., ed., arr. *Spirituals for Solo Singers: 11 Spirituals Arranged for Solo Voice and Piano: for Recitals, Concerts, and Contests*. Van Nuys, CA: Alfred Publ., 1994. (med-high/med-low voice eds., optional accompaniment CD)

Ezekiel's wheel / Kern -- Kum ba ya / Simms -- My Lord, what a morning / Althouse -- Wade in the water / Hayes -- Amazing grace / Althouse -- Climbin' up the mountain / Simms -- Little David, play on your harp / Kern -- Let us break bread together / Althouse -- Go, tell it on the mountain / Simms -- Nobody knows the trouble I've seen / Althouse -- Rise up, shepherd, and follow / Hayes

Althouse, Jay, comp., ed., arr. *Spirituals for Solo Singers: 10 Spirituals Arranged for Solo Voice and Piano: for Recitals, Concerts, and Contests*, v. 2. Van Nuys, CA: Alfred Publ., 1994. (med-high/med-low voice eds., optional accompaniment CD)

Plenty good room / arr. by Donald Moore -- Little innocent lamb / arr. by Mark Hayes -- Sit down servant / arr. by Patsy Ford Simms -- Down in the valley to pray / arr. by Jay

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Althouse -- Heaven bound light of mine / arr. by Philip Kern -- Glory bound! / by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse -- Home in that rock / arr. by Greg Gilpin -- Deep river / arr. by Andy Beck -- Witness / arr. by Mark Hayes -- Mary's baby boy / arr. by Philip Kern

*American Art Songs for the Progressing Singer*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard, 2017. (soprano, mezzo-soprano, tenor, and baritone/bass eds.)

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child / Harry T. Burleigh

Boatner, Edward. *The Story of the Spirituals: 30 Spirituals and Their Origins: Voice and Piano/Guitar*. [New York]: McAfee Music, 1973.

Ain't that good news -- Baby Bethlehem -- Bye and bye -- City called heaven -- Crucifixion -- Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel -- Done made my vow -- Give me Jesus -- Give me your hand -- Go down, Moses -- Go tell it on the mountain -- He's got the whole world in His hand -- His name so sweet -- I ain't got weary yet -- I know the Lord laid His hands on me -- I'm troubled in mind -- Lord, I can't stay away -- Lost sheep -- New born -- Nobody knows the troubled I've seen -- Plenty good room -- Ride on, King Jesus -- Rise and shine -- Steal away -- Swing low, sweet chariot -- They led my Lord away -- Wade in the water -- What you goin' to name the baby? -- When I get home -- You hear the lambs a-crying

Bonds, Margaret. *In His Hand: Seven Spirituals for Voice and Piano*. [King of Prussia, PA]: Theodore Presser, 2010.

Go tell it on the mountain -- Ezek'el saw the wheel -- Didn't it rain! -- Hold on -- Joshua fit da Battle of Jericho -- I got a home in that rock -- He's got the whole world in His hand

Bonds, Margaret. [*Five Creek–Freedmen Spirituals*]. New York: Mutual Music Society, 1946.

Dry bones — Sit down servant — Lord, I just can't keep from cryin' — You can tell the world — I'll reach to heaven

Boytim, Joan Frey, ed. *36 Solos for Young Singers*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard, 2001.

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? / Cynthia Jackson -- He's got the whole world in His hands -- Little David, play on your harp / Harry T. Burleigh -- Sit down, sister / arr. by Benjamin M. Culli

Boytim, Joan Frey, ed. *36 More Solos for Young Singers*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard, 2012.

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This little light of mine

Boytim, Joan Frey, ed. *The First Book of Baritone/Bass Solos*. Milwaukee, WI: G. Schirmer, 1991–2005.

Let us break bread together / Gordon Myers — Lord, I want to be a Christian / John Payne — Deep river / Harry T. Burleigh

Boytim, Joan Frey, ed. *The First Book of Tenor Solos*. Milwaukee, WI: G. Schirmer, 1991–2005.

My Lord, what a mornin' ; Religion is a fortune / Hall Johnson — Nobody knows the trouble I've see / Harry T. Burleigh

Boytim, Joan Frey, ed. *Easy Songs for the Beginning Baritone/Bass*. Milwaukee, WI: G. Schirmer, 2000. (with CD)

Go down Moses / Benjamin M. Culli — Joshua fit the battle of Jericho / Cynthia Jackson — Sometimes I feel like a motherless child / Harry T. Burleigh — Swing low, sweet chariot / Cynthia Jackson

Boytim, Joan Frey, ed. *The First Book of Mezzo-Soprano/Alto Solos*. Milwaukee, WI: G. Schirmer, 1991–2005.

Crucifixion / John Payne

Brown, Lawrence. *Spirituals: Five Negro Songs*. London: Schott, 1923.

Nobody knows de trouble I've seen.-- Sometimes I feel like a motherless child.-- I know de Lord's laid his hands on me.-- Swing low, sweet chariot.-- Every time I feel de spirit

Brown, Lawrence. *Negro Folk Songs*. London: Schott, 1930.

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? -- Who's been here? -- Hear de lam's a-cryin' -- Goin' to ride up in de chariot -- Dere's a man goin' roun' takin' names

Brown, Lawrence. *Six Negro Folk Songs*. New York: Associated Music Publishers, 1943.

Great gittin' up mornin' -- I got a robe -- I'm goin' to tell God all my troubles -- No more -  
- Poor wayfarin' stranger

Brown, Jr., Uzee. *O Redeemed!: A Set of African–American Spirituals, for Medium–High Voice and Piano*. Dayton, OH: R. Dean Publishing, 1994.

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O redeemed -- Welcome to the 'dyin' lamb -- There are angels hov'rin' 'roun' -- O Mary, what you gonna call your pretty little baby? -- This river -- Ain't-a that good news! -- Fix me, Jesus -- Amen!

Brown, Jr., Uzee. *Tryin' to Make Heaven My Home*. [Dayton, OH]: Lorenz, 2002.

My God is so high -- Over my head, I hear music in the air -- Done made my vow to de Lord -- Keep your lamps trimmed and burning -- I'm trampin' -- Gonna shout all over God's heaven -- I want to die easy when I die -- Great day!

Burleigh, Harry Thacker. *Album of Negro Spirituals*. Melville, NY: Belwin-Mills, [1917], 1969.

Nobody knows de trouble I've seen -- Ev'ry time I feel de Spirit -- Deep river -- De blin' man stood on de road an' cried -- Stan' still Jordan -- By an' by -- Sometimes I feel like a motherless child -- Couldn't hear nobody pray -- De gospel train : "Git on bo'd lit'l children" -- Weepin' Mary -- Were you there? -- Wade in de water

Burleigh, Harry Thacker. *Negro Spirituals*. London: G. Ricordi, 1925.

By an' by — Deep river — I got a robe (Heav'n, heav'n) — I want to be ready — Nobody knows de trouble I've seen — O Peter, go ring-a dem bells — Steal away — Swing low, sweet chariot — 'Tis me, O Lord — Were you there? -- Balm in Gilead — De gospel train — Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? — Ev'ry time I feel de spirit — Go down, Moses — I stood on de ribber ob Jerdon — My Lord, what a mornin' — Oh, didn't it rain — Wade in de water — Weepin' Mary

Burleigh, Harry Thacker. *The Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh*. Melville, NY: Belwin-Mills, 1984. (high/low voice eds.)

Ev'ry time I feel de spirit -- Swing low, sweet chariot -- Steal away -- Don't be weary traveler -- I got a home in-a dat rock -- Oh, didn't it rain -- My Lord, what a mornin' -- Stan' still Jordan -- Give me Jesus -- Go down, Moses (Let my people go!) -- Were you there -- Wade in de water -- O rocks, don't fall on me -- Little David, play on your harp -- Sometimes I feel like a motherless child -- Ain't goin' to study war no mo' -- Deep river -- Weepin' Mary -- Heav'n, heav'n -- Couldn't hear nobody pray -- Go down in de lonesome valley -- I know de Lord's laid His hands on me -- I stood on de ribber ob Jerdon -- De blin' man stood on de road an' cried -- By an' by -- He's jus' de same to-day -- Balm in Gilead -- De gospel train (Git on bo'd lit'l children) -- Nobody knows de trouble I've seen -- Behold that star -- I don't feel no-ways tired -- John's gone down on de island -- You may bury me in de eas' -- Oh, wasn't dat a wide ribber? -- Ride on, King Jesus! -- Go tell it on de Mountains! (Christmas song of the plantation) -- Hard trials -- I've been in de

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storm so long -- Hear de lambs a-cryin' -- My way's cloudy -- Let us cheer the weary traveler -- Don't you weep when I'm gone -- Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? -- Sinner, please doan let dis harves' pass -- Joshua fit de battle ob Jericho -- I want to be ready -- Oh Peter go ring-a dem bells -- 'Tis me, O Lord.

Burleigh, Harry Thacker. *25 Spirituals Arranged by Harry T. Burleigh*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard, 2012. (high/low voice eds. w/CD)

Balm in Gilead -- By an' by -- Couldn't hear nobody pray -- Deep river -- Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel -- Don't you weep when I'm gone -- Go down, Moses (Let my people go!) -- Go, tell it on the mountain -- The gospel train -- I stood on the river of Jordan -- I want to be ready -- Let us cheer the weary traveler -- Little David, play on your harp -- My Lord, what a mornin' -- Nobody knows the trouble I've seen -- O rocks, don't fall on me -- Oh, didn't it rain -- Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass -- Sometimes I feel like a motherless child -- Steal away -- Swing low, sweet chariot -- 'Tis me, O Lord -- Wade in the water -- Weepin' Mary -- You may bury me in the East

Chambers, H. A. [Henry Alban]. *The Treasury of Negro Spirituals*. New York: Emerson Books, 1959.

Ain't goin' to study war no more -- Balm in Gilead -- By an' by -- Deep river --; De Gospel Train -- Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? -- Dry bones --; Ev'rybody got to die -- Ev'ry time I feel de Spirit -- Give me Jesus -- Go down, Moses -- He never said a mumbalin' word -- He's jus' de same today -- I couldn't hear nobody pray -- I got a home in-a dat rock -- I got a robe -- I want to be a Christian in my heart -- I want to be ready -- Joshua fight de battle ob Jericho -- Listen to de lam's -- Little David, play on your harp -- My Lord, what a morning --; My soul is a witness for my Lord -- Nobody knows de trouble I see -- Oh, wasn't that a wide river? -- O Peter, go ring-a dem bells -- Roll, Jordan, roll -- Sinner, please don't let dis harvest pass -- Somebody's knocking at your door -- Standin' in de need of prayer -- Steal away -- Swing low, sweet chariot -- Were you there? -- Ride on, King Jesus!

*Classical Contest Solos*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard, 1997. (soprano, mezzo-soprano/alto, tenor, baritone/bass eds.)

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel / Harry T. Burleigh

Dett, R. Nathaniel. *Spirituals*. New York: Mills Music, 1943.

What kind of shoes you going to wear? -- In that morning -- Go on, Brother -- Now we take this feeble body -- Im a-travling to the grave

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Fisher, William Arms. *Seventy Negro Spirituals*. Musicians Library. Boston: Oliver Ditson, 1926.

Black sheep, where you left you' lamb -- Blow your trumpet, Gabriel -- Bye an' bye --  
The Crucifixion -- Dar's a meetin' here tonight -- Deep river -- De Jews, dey took our  
Saviour -- De new-born baby -- Dere's a man goin' roun' takin' names -- Do doan' yer  
weep for de baby -- Don't be weary, traveller -- Everytime I feel the spirit -- Give me  
Jesus -- Goin' to shout -- Goin' to set down an' rest awhile -- De gospel train -- Go tell it  
on the mountains -- Gwine-a study war no mo'! -- Hail the crown -- Has anybody here  
seen my Lord -- Heav'n bells a-ringin' in mah soul -- He's the Lily of the Valley -- I know  
de Lord's laid his hands on me -- I'll hear de trumpet soun' -- I'm all wore out a-toilin' fo'  
de lawd -- I'm a-rolling -- I'm just a-goin' over Jordan -- I'm troubled in mind -- Inchin'  
along -- In dat day -- Is massa goin' to sell us tomorrow -- I've been in the storm so long --  
- Let my people go (Go down, Moses) -- Listen to de lambs -- Little wheel a-turnin' in my  
heart -- My brudder's died and gone to hebben -- Many thousand gone -- My father took a  
light -- My Lord, what a mornin'! -- New born again -- Nobody knows the trouble I see --  
O Lord, I done done -- Oh, Mary, doan' yer weep -- Oh, when I get to heaven -- Ride on,  
King Jesus -- Run to Jesus -- Sail over yonder -- Sin (Sinner, please don' let this harves'  
pass) -- Sing a-ho that I had the wings of a dove -- Somebody's got lost in de storm --  
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child -- Sometimes I feel like I wanna go home --  
Somebody' knockin' at your door -- Stan' by me! -- Standin' in de need o' prayer (It's-a  
me, O Lord) -- Steal away -- Steamboat song -- Swing low, sweet chariot -- This may be  
my las' time -- Tomorrow you may die -- Trouble's gwine ter weigh me down -- Wade in  
de water -- Walk together, children -- Weepin' Mary -- Were you there (The Crucified) --  
What a tryin' time! (Adam, where are you? -- When I'm gone -- When the Lord called  
Moses -- Who built de ark? -- Yonder comes Sister Mary

Frey, Hugo. *A Collection of 25 Selected Celebrated American Negro Spirituals*. New York: Robbins Music, 1926.

By an' by -- Children you'll be called on -- Gideon's band -- Give me Jesus -- Gwine to  
ride up in de chariot -- Gwine up -- I ain't goin' to die no mo' -- I couldn't hear nobody  
pray -- I'm troubled in de mind -- I've just come from the fountain -- Keep a-inchin' along  
-- Keep me from sinking down -- Keep your lamps trimmed -- Let us cheer the weary  
traveler -- Listen to the angels shoutin' -- Love feast in heaven -- My Lord, what a  
morning -- Oh! Holy Lord -- Oh! Wasn't dat a wide ribber -- Rise mourners -- Run to  
Jesus -- Somebody's knockin' at yo' do' -- We are climbing the hills of Zion -- Were you  
there? -- Zion's children

Frey, Hugo. *Famous Negro Spirituals: A Collection of 25*. New York: Robbins, 1900s.

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Deep river -- Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? -- Ev'ry time I feel the spirit -- Go down, Moses -- Hard trials -- Heav'n, Heav'n -- I'm a rolling -- I'm a trav'ling to the grave -- I don't feel no-ways tired -- I've been in the storm so long -- It's a me, O Lord -- I want to be ready -- Jesus on the water-side -- Listen to the lambs -- My way's cloudy -- Nobody knows the trouble I've had -- Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells -- Roll, Jordan, roll -- Sometimes I feel like a motherless child -- Steel away -- Swing low, sweet chariot -- The Gospel train -- The lonesome valley -- Wait 'till I put my crown -- Wrestle on, Jacob

Hayes, Mark. *10 Spirituals for Solo Voice: for Concerts, Contests, Recitals and Worship*. Van Nuys, CA: Alfred Publ., 1998. (med-high/med-low voice eds., optional accompaniment CD)

Deep river -- Go, tell it on the mountain -- Steal away to heaven -- I feel the spirit moving -- There is a balm in Gilead -- Behold that star! -- My Lord, what a morning -- Give me Jesus -- Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

Hayes, Roland. *My Favorite Spirituals: 30 Songs for Voice and Piano*. Mineola, NY: Dover, 2001.

Events of the Old Testament: I'll make me a man ; Let my people go! ; Deep river ; Ezekiel saw de wheel ; Lit'l David play on your harp ; Dry bones ; Give-a way, Jordan ; Two wings ; Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? ; A witness -- Abstractions from the teachings of both Old and New Testaments: You're tired, chile ; In-a-dat mornin' ; Plenty good room ; I'm troubled ; Heaven ; Steal away ; Po' pilgrim ; Good news ; You mus' come in by an' thro' de Lamb ; 'Roun' about de mountain -- The life of Christ: Prepare me one body ; Sister Mary had-a but one child ; Li'l boy ; Live a-humble ; Hear de lambs a-cryin'? ; The Last Supper. They led my Lord away ; He never said a mumberlin' word ; Did you hear when Jesus rose? ; Were you there?

Heard, Richard, ed. *44 Art Songs and Spirituals by Florence B. Price*. Fayetteville, AR: ClarNan Editions, 2015.

Death's gwineter lay his cold icy hand on me -- Go down, Moses -- I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load -- My little soul's goin' to shine -- My soul's been anchored in de Lord -- Rise mourner -- Save me Lord, save me -- Some o' these days -- Two traditional Negro spirituals. I am bound for the kingdom ; I'm workin' on my buildin' -- Weary traveler -- You won't find a man like Jesus

Hogan, Moses. *The Deep River Collection: Ten Spirituals Arranged for Solo Voice and Piano*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard, 2000. (high/low voice eds.)

Deep river -- He never said a mumbalin' word (Crucifixion) -- Give me Jesus -- He's got the whole world in His hands -- Let us break bread together -- My good Lord's done been

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here -- Somebody's knockin' at yo' door -- Sometimes I feel like a motherless child --  
Were you there? -- Walk together children

Johnson, Hall. *Thirty Spirituals*. New York: G. Schirmer, 1949.

Ride on, Jesus -- Oh, freedom -- Scandalize' my name -- Great day! -- How long train  
been gone? -- Done written down my name -- Belshazza' had a fea's' -- Dat suits me -- I  
couldn' hear nobody pray -- Keep a-inchin' along -- Swing low, sweet chariot! -- Over  
yonder -- Stan'in' in de need of prayer -- Leanin' on dat Lamb -- There is a balm in Gilead  
-- Mary had a baby -- Sinner-man so hard to believe -- This is de healin' water -- Prayer is  
de key -- Po' mo'ner got a home at las' -- Were you there? -- Stan' still, Jordan -- Oh,  
graveyard -- Let de Heb'n-light shine on me -- My Lord, what a mornin' -- Religion is a  
fortune -- Gospel train -- When I lay my burden down -- Ev'ry time I feel de spirit --  
Glory hallelujah to de new-born King

Jessye, Eva. *My Spirituals*. New York: Robbins-Engel, 1927.

Who is dat yondah? -- Spirit o' the Lord done fell on me -- An' I cry -- Bles' my soul an'  
gone -- I been 'buked an' I been scorned -- Stan' steady -- Ain't got long to stay heah --  
March down to Jerdon -- John saw de holy numbah -- I'm a po' li'l orphan -- When Moses  
smote de water -- So I can write my name -- I can't stay away -- Tall angel at the bar --  
Got a home at las' -- I'se mighty tired

Johnson, Hall. *Thirty Spirituals*. New York: G. Schirmer, 1949. (New ed. w/CD, 2007)

Ride on, Jesus -- Oh, freedom -- Scandalize' my name -- Great day! -- How long train  
been gone? -- Done written down my name -- Belshazza' had a fea's' -- Dat suits me -- I  
couldn' hear nobody pray -- Keep a-inchin' along -- Swing low, sweet chariot! -- Over  
yonder -- Stan'in' in de need of prayer -- Leanin' on dat Lamb -- There is a balm in Gilead  
-- Mary had a baby -- Sinner-man so hard to believe -- This is de healin' water -- Prayer is  
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Glory hallelujah to de new-born King

Johnson, Hall, Julius P. Williams, John L. Motley, Eugene Thamon Simpson, Louise Toppin,  
William Brown, and Joseph Joubert. *The Hall Johnson Collection: Over 50 Classic Favorites for  
Voice and Piano Including Two Performance CDs*. New York: Carl Fischer, 2003. (with  
performance CDs)

Oh, rise an' shine -- When de saints come marchin' in -- Cert'n'y Lord -- My God is so  
high -- Hallelujah! -- In bright mansions above -- Doncher let nobody turn you roun' --

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Run, sinner, run -- You better min'! -- Dere's no hidin' place down dere -- Some o' dese days -- I want to be ready -- De ol' ark's a moverin' -- Witness -- My Lord's a-writin' all de time -- Go down, Moses -- Oh, Mary, doncher weep -- Lord, I don't feel nowadays tired - - Joshua fit de battle of Jericho -- I can't stay away -- Death's go'n'ter lay his col' icy hands on me -- De blin' man stood on de road an' cried -- Hail! de king of Babylon -- March on! -- Hallelujah! King Jesus -- Fi-yer! (fire) : from the folk operetta "Fi-yer" -- Give me Jesus -- His name so sweet -- Hol' de light -- Honor! Honor! -- I'm go'n'ter tell God all o' my troubles -- My good Lord done been here -- Oh, glory! -- Steal away : from the folk drama "Run li'l chillun" -- What kinder shoes -- Witness -- Crucifixion -- I got to lie down -- Ride on, King Jesus (king of kings) -- Take my mother home -- I cannot stay here by myself -- At the feet of Jesus -- Cert'n'y, Lord

Johnson, James Weldon, John Rosamond Johnson and Lawrence Brown. *The Books of American Negro Spirituals: Including The Book of American Negro Spirituals and The Second Book of Negro Spirituals*. New York: Viking Press, 1940.

[Book of American Negro spirituals] Preface -- Go down Moses -- Heav'n boun' soldier - - Joshua fit de battle ob Jerico -- We am clim'in' Jacob's ladder -- Didn't old pharaoh get los'? -- Swing low sweet chariot -- Up on de mountain -- Little David play on yo' harp -- Die in de fiel' -- Ride on, Moses -- All God's chillun got wings -- Dere's no hidin' place down dere -- Gimme dat ol'-time religion -- Lis'en to de lam's -- He's jus' de same today - - Stan' still Jordan -- Somebody's knockin' at yo' do' -- Singin' wid a sword in ma han' -- I couldn't hear nobody pray -- My way's cloudy -- It's me, o, lord -- I got a home in-a dat rock -- By an' by -- Deep river -- Who dat a-coming' ovah yondah? -- Roll Jordan, roll -- De blin' man stood on de road an' cried -- Roll de ol' chariot along -- Calvary -- Steal away to Jesus -- Gwine up -- I'm troubled in mind -- O, gambler, git up off o' yo' knees.; My Lord's a-writin' all de time -- Git on board, little chillen -- Gwinter sing all along de way -- Who'll be a witness for my lord? -- Keep a-inchin' along -- Where shall I be when de firs' trumpet soun'? -- Peter, go ring dem bells -- Nobody knows de trouble I see -- Ev'ry time I feel de spirit -- Father Abraham -- I'm a-rollin' -- Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? -- O, wasn't dat a wide river? -- Keep me f'om sinkin' down -- De band ' o' Gideon -- John saw the holy number -- Give me Jesus -- My lord, what a mornin' -- O, rocks don't fall on me -- Done foun' my los' sheep -- What yo' gwine to do when yo' lamp burn down? -- Hallelujah! -- Crucifixion -- Until I reach-a ma home -- I done done what ya' tol' me to do -- You may bury me in de eas' -- You got it right -- Weary traveler

[Second book of Negro spirituals] Preface -- A little talk wid Jesus makes it right -- All I do, de church keep a grumblin' -- Can't you live humble? -- Chilly water -- Come here, Lord! -- Daniel saw de stone -- De angel roll de stone away -- De angels in heab'n gwineter write my name -- Death come to my house, he didn't stay long -- Death's gwineter lay his cold icy nands on me (Familiar version) -- Death's gwineter lay his cold icy nands on me (Rare version) -- De ol' ark's a-moverin' an' I'm goin' home -- De ol'

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sheep done know de road -- Dere's a han' writin' on de wall -- Do don't touch-a my garment, good Lord, I'm gwine home -- Gimme yo' han' -- God's a-gwineter trouble de water -- Great day -- Gwineter ride up in de chariot soon-a in de mornin' -- Hol' de win', don't let it blow -- Humble yo'self, de bell done ring -- I feel like my time ain't long -- I heard de preachin' of de word o' God -- I know de Lord's laid his hands on me -- I'm gwine up to heab'n anyhow -- In dat great gittin' up mornin' -- I thank God I'm free at last -- I want God's heab'n to be mine -- I want to die easy when I die -- Jubalee -- Look-a how dey done my lord.; Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart -- Mary an' Martha jes' gone 'long -- Mary had a baby, yes, Lord -- Members, don't git weary -- Mos' done toilin' here -- My Lord says he's gwineter rain down fire -- My ship is on de ocean -- My soul's been anchored in de Lord -- Nobody knows de trouble I see (Familiar version) -- Oh, hear me prayin' -- Oh, my good Lord, show me de way -- Oh, yes! Oh, yes! Wait 'til I git on my robe -- Po' mourner's got a home at las' -- Religion is a fortune I really do believe -- Rise, mourner, rise -- Rise up shepherd an' holler -- Run, Mary, run -- Same train -- Sinner, please don't let dis harves' pass -- Sometimes I feel like a motherless child -- Too late -- To see God's bleedin' lam' -- Walk in Jerusalem jus' like John -- Walk, Mary, down de lane -- Walk together children -- Were you there when they crucified my Lord? -- When I fall on my knees -- You go, I'll go wid you -- You mus' hab dat true religion -- 'Zekiel saw de wheel

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Don't you let nobody turn you 'round -- I'm a soldier in the army of the Lord -- Glory,  
glory, hallelujah -- I know the Lord's laid His hands on me -- Wait till I put on my crown  
-- 'Round about de mountain -- Hold out your light -- O de angels done bowed down

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in the need of prayer -- Great day -- I want to die easy when I die/Sometimes I feel like a  
motherless child -- Were you there? -- Lord, I want to be a Christian/Give me Jesus --  
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Home in dat rock -- Calvary -- Go on, brother

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of de elder / Brown -- Soon one morn' / Dent -- Follow me / Dett -- Guide my feet ; This  
little light of mine / Hairston -- At the feet of Jesus / Johnson -- Deep river ; Git on board  
; Great day ; Didn't it rain / Kerr -- Climbin' high mountains ; Ride up in de chariot /  
Jackson King -- Po' mo'ner got a home / Lloyd -- This little light of mine / James Lee III -  
- Set down ; Come down angels ; To be baptized / Smith Moore -- Jesus, lay your head in  
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- There's a man goin' 'round -- Weepin' Mary -- Were you there -- Scandalize my name

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Standin' in de need o' prayer — Leanin' on de Lawd

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Wait 'till ah put on my crown — Things up yonder white as snow

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Listen to the lambs -- Swing low, sweet chariot -- I'm a-travling to the grave -- Go down,  
Moses -- Standin' in the need of prayer -- Steal away -- Hard trials -- Heav'n, Heav'n --  
My way's cloudy -- I don't feel no-ways tired -- Nobody knows the trouble I've seen --  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit -- I'm a-rolling -- Wait till I put on my crown -- My father, how  
long? -- Joshua fit the battle of Jericho -- The gold band -- Jesus on the water-side --  
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? -- Roll, Jordan, roll -- Wrestle on, Jacob -- I've been in  
the storm so long -- He never said a mumblin' word -- Little David, play on your harp --  
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- There's a man goin' 'round -- Weepin' Mary -- Were you there -- Scandalize my name

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me f'om sinkin' down -- Lawd, ah wants to be a Christian -- Great camp meeting -- Great  
day -- Ah gotta home in-a dat rock -- Peter go ring dem bells -- Good news -- Didn't mah  
Lawd deliver Daniel? -- Mah Lawd gonna rain down fiah

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Calvary ; It's me, O Lord / Betty Jackson King -- Watch and pray ; Is there anybody here that loves my Jesus ; Come down angels / Undine Smith Moore -- I'm a poor li'l orphan in this worl' ; Free at last / Julia Perry -- Dry bones ; Lord, I just can't keep from cryin' ; He's got the whole world in His hand / Margaret Bonds -- My soul's been anchored in the Lord / Florence Price

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Balm in Gilead ; By an' by ; Couldn't hear nobody pray ; Deep river ; Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel ; Don't you weep when I'm gone ; The gospel train ; Go down, Moses ; Go, tell it on the mountain ; He's just the same today ; I don't feel no-ways tired ; I stood on the river of Jordan ; I want to be ready ; Let us cheer the weary traveler ; Little David, play on your harp ; My Lord, what a mornin' ; My way's cloudy ; Nobody knows the trouble I've seen ; O rocks, don't fall on me ; Oh, didn't it rain ; Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass ; Sometimes I feel like a motherless child ; Steal away ; Swing low, sweet chariot ; 'Tis me, O Lord ; Wade in the water ; Weepin' Mary ; You may bury me

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<sup>1</sup>Portia K. Maultsby, "Black Music in the Undergraduate Curriculum," in *Reflections on Afro-American Music* ([Kent, OH]: The Kent State University Press, 1973), 69.