

Go down, Moses
(Let my people go!)
Chorus for Mixed Voices

Exodus VIII

Negro Spiritual
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Lento

Piano

The piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The top staff is in G major with a key signature of one sharp. It features eighth-note chords and some sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom staff is in G major with a key signature of one sharp. It has eighth-note chords and some sixteenth-note patterns. The tempo is marked 'Lento' and the dynamic is 'f'.

Soprano

When Is - rael was in E - gypt's lan', Let my peo - ple

Alto

When Is - rael was in E - gypt's lan', Let my pe - ple

Tenor

When Is - rael was in E - gypt's lan', Let my peo - ple

Bass

When Is - rael was in E - gypt's lan', Let my peo - ple

The piano accompaniment concludes with a section where the right hand plays a series of eighth-note chords in G major, while the left hand provides harmonic support. The dynamic is 'p' throughout this section, except for a brief forte section at the end.

p

go, Op - press'd so hard they could not stan';
 go, Op - press'd so hard they could not stan';
 go, Op - press'd so hard they could not stan';
 go, Op - press'd so hard they could not stan';

p

Let my peo - ple go. Go down,
 Let my peo - ple go. Go down,
 Let my peo - ple go. Go down,
 Let my peo - ple go. Go down,

Mo - ses, 'Way down in E - gypt's lan', —
 Mo - ses, 'Way down in E - gypt's lan',
 Mo - ses, 'Way down in E - gypt's lan', —
 Mo - ses, 'Way down in E - gypt's lan', —

rit. *p*
 Tell ole — Pha - roh, — To let my peo - ple
 rit. *p*
 Tell ole Pha - roh, — To let my peo - ple
 rit. *p*
 Tell ole — Pha - roh, — To let my peo - ple
 rit. *p*
 Tell ole Pha - roh, — To let my peo - ple

The musical score consists of two parts. The top part, labeled 'Mo-ses', has three staves. The first two staves are in treble clef, and the third is in bass clef. The lyrics 'Mo-ses, 'Way down in Egypt's lan', —' are repeated three times. The bottom part, labeled 'Tell ole', also has three staves, matching the treble and bass clefs of the top part. The lyrics 'Tell ole — Pha-roh, — To let my people' are repeated three times. The music includes dynamic markings like 'f' (fortissimo), 'p' (pianissimo), and 'rit.' (ritardando). Measures are separated by vertical bar lines.

a tempo

a tempo

a tempo

a tempo

a tempo

f

Thus saith the Lord, bold Mo-ses said, Let my peo-ple

Thus saith the Lord, bold Mo-ses said, Let my peo-ple

Thus saith the Lord, bold Mo-ses said, Let my peo-ple

Thus saith the Lord, bold Mo-ses said, Let my peo-ple

f

go, If not I'll smite your first-born dead,
 go, If not I'll smite your first-born dead,
 go, If not I'll smite your first-born dead,
 go, If not I'll smite your first-born dead,

Let my peo-ple go. Go down, Mo-ses,
 Let my peo-ple go. Go down, Mo-ses,
 Let my peo-ple go. Go down, Mo-ses,
 Let my peo-ple go.

The musical score consists of two parts. The top part, in common time, features four staves. The first three staves are soprano voices, each with a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The fourth staff is a bass line. The bottom part, also in common time, features three staves. The first two staves are soprano voices, each with a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The third staff is a bass line. Both parts include lyrics and dynamic markings like 'f' (fortissimo). The score is written in a clear, handwritten style.

Way down in E - gyp'ts lan', Tell ole

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rit. Pha - roh, To let my peo - ple go

rit. Pha - roh, To let my peo - ple go

rit. Pha - roh, To let my peo - ple go

rit. Pha - roh, To let my peo - ple go

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