

Son of a Preacher Man

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Mid-tempo Gospel

♩ = 90

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Piano

mp

4

mp

Bil - ly Ray was a preach - er's son, and when his

6

dad - dy would vi - sit he'd come a - long; when they ga - thered 'round and start - ed talk - ing,

The musical score is written for Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, and Piano. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked 'Mid-tempo Gospel' with a quarter note equal to 90 beats per minute. The piano part begins with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand, marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The vocal lines for Soprano 1, Soprano 2, and Alto are initially silent, indicated by whole rests. The lyrics 'Bil - ly Ray was a preach - er's son, and when his' are written under the Soprano 1 line, starting at measure 4. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady rhythm, featuring chords and moving lines in both hands. The lyrics 'dad - dy would vi - sit he'd come a - long; when they ga - thered 'round and start - ed talk - ing,' are written under the Soprano 1 line, starting at measure 6. The score is presented on a single page, which is the first of nine.

8 *cresc. poco a poco*

cou - sin Bil - ly would take__ me walk - ing, through the back yard we'd go walk - ing,

cresc. poco a poco

cou - sin Bil - ly would take__ me walk - ing, through the back yard we'd go walk - ing,

cresc. poco a poco

cou - sin Bil - ly would take__ me walk - ing, through the back yard we'd go walk - ing,

cresc. poco a poco

10

then he'd look in - to__ my eyes. Lord knows, to my__ sur - prise__ the

then he'd look in - to__ my eyes. Lord knows, to my__ sur - prise__ the

then he'd look in - to__ my eyes.

f

12

on - ly one__ who could ev - er reach__ me was the son of a preach - er man. The

on - ly one__ who could ev - er reach__ me was the son of a preach - er man. The

f

was the son of a preach - er man.

14

on - ly one_ who could ev - er teach_ me was the son of a preach - er man, yes he

on - ly one_ who could ev - er teach_ me was the son of a preach - er man,

was the son of a preach - er man,

16

was,

he was,

oh, yes he was..

19

mf

Be - ing good is - n't al - ways ea - sy,

21

no mat - ter how hard — I try. — *When he start - ed sweet - talk - ing to me,*

mp

no mat - ter how hard — I try. —

no mat - ter how hard — I try. —

23

cresc. poco a poco

he'd come and tell me ev'-ry-thing is all - right, He'd come and tell me ev' - ry-thing is all right,

cresc. poco a poco

he'd come and tell me ev'-ry-thing is all - right, He'd come and tell me ev' - ry-thing is all right,

cresc. poco a poco

he'd come and tell me ev'-ry-thing is all - right, He'd come and tell me ev' - ry-thing is all right,

cresc. poco a poco

25

f

Can I get a - way a - gain to night? — The on - ly one — who could ev - er reach — me

f

Can I get a - way a - gain to night? — The on - ly one — who could ev - er reach — me

27

was the son of a preach - er man. The on - ly one who could ev - er teach me

was the son of a preach - er man. The on - ly one who could ev - er teach me

was the son of a preach - er man.

29

was the son of a preach - er man, yes, he was,

was the son of a preach - er man, he was

was the son of a preach - er man, oh, yes he was.

32

f

Ho well I re - mem - ber

f

34

the look that was in his eyes, —

f steal - ing kis - ses from me on the sly, —

f steal - ing kis - ses from me on the sly, —

36

p cresc. poco a poco Tak - ing time to make time, Tell - ing me that he's all mine,

p cresc. poco a poco Tak - ing time to make time, Tell - ing me that he's all mine,

Tak - ing time to make time, Tell - ing me that he's all mine,

p cresc. poco a poco

38

mf cresc. learn - ing from each o - ther's know - ing, look - ing, look - ing to see how much we've known and the

mf cresc. learn - ing from each o - ther's know - ing, look - ing, look - ing to see how much we've known and the

mf cresc.

40

f on - ly one__ who could ev - er reach__ me was the son of a preach - er man. The

on - ly one__ who could ev - er reach__ me *f* was the son of a preach - er man. The

was the son of a preach - er man.

42

on - ly one__ who could ev - er teach__ me was the son of a preach - er man, yes he

on - ly one__ who could ev - er teach__ me was the son of a preach - er man,

was the son of a preach - er man,

44

was, *ff* he was the

he was, *f* The on - ly one__ who would ev - er reach__ me,

oh, yes he was. The on - ly one__ who would ev - er reach__ me,

47

sweet -talk -ing son of a preach- er man.____ he was the

was the son of a preach- er man, the on - ly one__ who could ev - er teach__ me

was the son of a preach- er man, the on - ly one__ who could ev - er teach__ me

49

sweet-talk--ing son of a preach- er man.____ he was the

was the son of a preach- er man, The on - ly one__ who could ev - er groove__ me

was the son of a preach- er man, The on - ly one__ who could ev - er groove__ me

51

sweet -talk-ing son of a preach- er man.____ he was the

was the son of a preach- er man, the on - ly one__ who could ev - er groove__ me.

was the son of a preach- er man, the on - ly one__ who could ev - er groove__ me.

53

molto rit.

sweet - talk - ing son od a preach - er man.____ Oh, oh, oh yes he was.____

molto rit.

was the son of a preach - er man. oh, oh, oh yes he was.____

molto rit.

was the son of a preach - er man. oh, oh, oh yes he was.____

molto rit.