

WITNESS

(SSAATTBB)

Traditional Spiritual

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Straight eighth-note feel

TENOR *ppp*

8 Who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord?_ Who'll be a wit - ness

BASS *ppp*

Who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord?_ Who'll be a wit - ness

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for my Lord?_ Who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord?_ Who will be a wit - ness

for my Lord?_ Who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord?_ Who will be a wit - ness

SOPRANO *mp*

10 Oh I'll be a wit - ness for my Lord._ I'll be a wit - ness

ALTO *mp*

Oh I'll be a wit - ness for my Lord._ I'll be a wit - ness

8 for my Lord?_ Who'll be a wit - ness, wit - ness who'll be a

for my Lord?_ Who'll be a wit - ness, wit - ness who'll be a

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for my Lord._ I'll be a wit - ness for my Lord._ I will be a wit - ness

for my Lord._ I'll be a wit - ness for my Lord._ I will be a wit - ness

8 wit - ness for my Lord, be a wit - ness, wit - ness; I'll be a wit - ness

wit - ness for my Lord, be a wit - ness, wit - ness; I'll be a wit - ness

for my Lord. — There was a man — of the Phar-i - sees, — His

div. *unis.*

for my Lord. — There was a man — of the Phar i - sees, — His

unis.

8 for my Lord. — There was a man — of the Phar-i - sees, — His

unis.

for my Lord. — *Dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm

[20]

name was Ni - co - de - mus and he did - n't be - lieve. — The same came — to

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8 name was Ni - co - de - mus and he did - n't be - lieve. — The same came — to

dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm

Christ by night, want - ed to be taught out of hu - man sight. —

Christ by night, want - ed to be taught out of hu - man sight. —

8 Christ by night, want - ed to be taught out of hu - man sight. —

dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm Nic - o -

[25]

'de - mus was a man who de - si - red to know — how a man can be born — when

'de - mus was a man who de - si - red to know — how a man can be born — when

div.

8 'de - mus was a man who de - si - red to know — how a man can be born

de - mus was a man who de - si - red to know how a man can be born

30 *div.*

he is old. — Christ told Ni - co - de - mus as a friend, —

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when he's old. — Christ told Ni - co - de - mus as a friend, —

when he's old. — Christ told Ni - co - de - mus as a friend, —

ppp

He said, "Mar - vel not,

div. ppp

He said, "Mar - vel not,

f unis.

8 "Man, — you must be born a - gain. — Mar-vel not, man, if you

ppp unis.

He said, "Mar - vel not,

35 *mf*

Be wise, — re - pent." Then

unis. mf

Be wise, — re - pent." Then

8 want to be wise, — re - pent, — be - lieve and be bap - tized." —

Be wise, re - pent."

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you'll be a wit-ness for my Lord. — You'll — be a wit - ness for my Lord. — You'll —

you'll be a wit-ness for my Lord. — You'll — be a wit-ness for my Lord. — You'll —

div. mf

8 Then you'll be a wit-ness for my Lord. — You'll — be a wit-ness

div. mf

Wit - ness — Wit - ness —

be a wit-ness for my Lord,— soul — is a wit-ness for my Lord.— You *mf*
 be a wit-ness for my Lord,— soul is a wit-ness for my Lord.— You *unis. mf*
 for my Lord.— You'll — be a wit-ness, soul is a wit-ness for my Lord.— You *unis. mf*
 Wit - ness Soul is a wit-ness for my Lord.— You

45 Swing in 4/4

read a-bout Sam-son, from his birth— he was the strong-est man— that ev - er
 read a-bout Sam-son, from his birth— he was the strong-est man— that ev - er
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lived on earth.— Way back yon - der in an - cient times — he *f*
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 lived on earth.— Way back yon - der in an - cient times — he

return to eighth-note feel

killed ten thou-sand of the Phil-lis - tines.— Then old Sam - son went a - *mf*
 killed ten thou-sand of the Phil-lis - tines.— Then old Sam - son went a - *mf*
 killed ten thou-sand of the Phil-lis - tines.— Then old Sam - son went a - *mf*
 killed ten thou-sand of the Phil-lis - tines.— Then old Sam - son went a - *div. mf*

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wan-d'rin' a - bout._ Sam-son's strength_ was nev - er found out._

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8 wan-d'rin' a - bout._ Sam-son's strength_ was nev - er found out._

wan-d'rin' a - bout._ Sam-son's strength_ was nev - er found out._

seductively

'Til his wife — sat up - on his knee. — "Tell me where your strength lies,

'Til his wife — sat up - on his knee. — She said,

8 'Til his wife — sat up - on his knee. — She said,

'Til his wife — sat up - on his knee. — She said,

60

if you please!"— Sam - son's wife, she talk so fair

Well, old Sam - son's wife, she talk so fair

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The musical score is for a four-part setting of a song. It features four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a box containing the number '60'. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first staff has the lyrics 'if you please!"— Sam - son's wife, she talk so fair'. The second staff has the lyrics 'Well, old Sam - son's wife, she talk so fair'. The third staff has the lyrics 'Well, old Sam - son's wife, she talk so fair'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'Well, old Sam - son's wife, she talk so fair'. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. There are fermatas over the final notes of each staff.

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f *>* *>* *>*

Sam-son said, — “Cut it off!”

f *>* *>* *>*

Sam-son said, — “Cut it off!”

f *>* *>* *>*

8 Sam-son said, — “Cut it off!”

Sam-son said, — “Cut off — a my hair! — Shave my head just as

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There's an-oth-er wit-ness, There's an-oth-er wit-ness,
 There's an-oth-er wit-ness, There's an-oth-er wit-ness,
 an-oth-er wit-ness, There's an-oth-er wit-ness,
 an-oth-er wit-ness, There's an-oth-er wit-ness,

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Broader tempo

an-oth-er wit-ness for my Lord! My soul is a wit-ness for my Lord!
 an-oth-er wit-ness for my Lord! My soul is a wit-ness for my Lord!
 an-oth-er wit-ness for my Lord! My soul is a wit-ness for my Lord!
 an-oth-er wit-ness for my Lord! My soul is a wit-ness for my Lord!