

WITNESS

(SSAATTBB)

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Jack Halloran

Straight eighth-note feel

TENOR *ppp*

BASS *ppp*

ppp (for rehearsal only)

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*

ALTO *mp*

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

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

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

* Altos may double 1st tenor, in their octave, if necessary.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

* no vowel sound

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

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

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'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

'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, _

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

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, _

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

ppp
div. ppp
f unis.
mf
ppp unis.

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

mf
unis. mf
f

40 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 —
 8 Then you'll be a wit - ness for my Lord. — You'll — be a wit - ness
 Wit - ness Wit - ness

div. mf
div. mf

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

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

8 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

8 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

lived on earth. — Way back yon - der in an - cient times — he

8 lived on earth. — Way back yon - der in an - cient times — he

lived on earth. — Way back yon - der in an - cient times — he

killed ten thousand of the Phil-lis - tines. Then old Sam - son went a -

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return to eighth-note feel

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

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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,

"Til his wife_ sat up - on his knee._ She said,

"Til his wife_ sat up - on his knee._ She said,

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

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

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

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

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Sam-son said,— "Cut it off!"

Sam-son said,— "Cut it off!"

Sam-son said,— "Cut it off!"

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

Sam -
uns.

Sam -

clean as your hand,— and my strength will 'come — like a nat - ur - al man,"

