

WITNESS

(SSAATTBB)

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Jack Halloran

Straight eighth-note feel

TENOR *ppp*

BASS *ppp*

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

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ppp (for rehearsal only)

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div.

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

div.

10

SOPRANO *mp*

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

mp

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

mp

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

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

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

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

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

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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,
div. ppp
He said, "Mar - vel not,
f unis. *mf*
"Man, — you must be born a - gain. — Mar-vel not, man, if you
ppp unis.
He said, "Mar - vel not,

Be wise, — re - pent." *mf* Then
unis. mf
Be wise, — re - pent." *mf* Then
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
div. mf Then you'll be a wit-ness for my Lord. — You'll — be a wit-ness
Wit - ness Wit - ness

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

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in 4/4

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



return to eighth-note feel

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

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

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

mf

mf

mf

div. mf

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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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,

'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 -
unis.

Sam -

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

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son was a wit-ness for my Lord. — Sam - son was a wit-ness for my Lord. Sam -

son was a wit-ness for my Lord. — Sam - son was a wit-ness for my Lord. Sam -

div. Sam - so - n* was a wit-ness, Lord. Sam - so - n was a wit-ness, Lord.

div. Sam - so - n* was a wit-ness, Lord. Sam - so - n was a wit-ness, Lord.

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son was a wit-ness for my Lord, — soul — is a wit-ness for my Lord. There's. *div. ff*

son was a wit-ness for my Lord, — soul — is a wit-ness for my Lord. There's. *div. ff*

Sam - so - n was a wit-ness, Lord, soul is a wit-ness for my Lord.

Sam - so - n was a wit-ness, Lord, soul is a wit-ness for my Lord.

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

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

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

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

* Put 'n' precisely on 3rd beat.



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

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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!
Broader tempo

Note: Balance the chords in bars 86 and 87 according to the singers at hand.
To break or carryover from bar 85 into 86 is up to the discretion of the conductor.