

Witness

For SATB and Solo (or small ensemble), unaccompanied

Traditional Spiritual
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Freely

Solo (or small ensemble*)

Who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord,___

SATB

Hm

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

for my Lord?___ My soul is a wit - ness for my Lord,___

*The solo may be performed with several soloists (highly recommended) or a small ensemble.

Not too fast

Who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord,___

Who will be a wit - ness,

Oh, tell me

who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord,___

wit - ness,___ who will be a wit - ness

— yes, who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord?___

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

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

— My soul is a wit - ness for my Lord,___

My soul's gon-na be a wit - ness

My soul is a wit - ness for my Lord,___

25 *mp* Who'll be a Dere was a man—

26 *mf* Tell me who will Hm

Who will

29 of de Phar - i - sees, his name was Nic - o -

30 *cresc.*

31 *cresc.* Hm

33 de - mus an' he did - n' be - lieve. De same came

34 Who's gon - na be a wit - nes? Hm

37 to Chris' by night, want - ed to be

41 taught out of hu - man sight. Ni - co - de - mus was a

42 Oh, Ni - co - de - mus was a

43 *mp*

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45 man who de - sired to know how a man can be born—

46 man who de - sired to know... Hm

47 *sfz*

48 *p*

49 when he is ol' Chris' tol' Ni - co - de - mus

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52 *f*

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Chris' tol' Ni - co - de - mus

54 as a frien'—

55 He said, "Man, you mus' be

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as a frien', Oh, man, you mus' be

58 He said, "Mar - vel not, If you
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born a - gain." Mar - vel not,

62 wan' to be wise, re - pent, be - lieve, an' be bap - tize'..
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be wise, re - pent, be - lieve an' be bap - tize'..
be bap - tize'..

67 Then you'll be a wit - ness for my Lord,
68 *mf*
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Then you will be a wit - ness, wit - ness,
mf
Then you will be a wit - ness, wit - ness,

72 you'll be a wit - ness for my Lord, yes, you'll be a
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you will be a wit - ness for my Lord. You'll

77 wit - ness for my Lord. My soul is a wit - ness
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My soul's gon - na be a wit - ness
be a wit - ness. My soul is a wit - ness

82 for my Lord. You read a - bou' Sam - son; from his birth,
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84 *p*
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86
for my Lord. Wit - ness, wit - ness,

87 he was de strong - es' man that ev - er lived on earth.
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90
mf
wit - ness, who's gon - na be a
mf

91 Way back yon - der in an - cient times he
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wit - ness? Wit - ness, wit - ness, he

95 killed ten thou-san' of de Phil - is - tines. 97 98 99

killed ten thou - san'.

thou - san' of se Phil - is - tines.

100 Then ol' Sam - son went wan - d'rin' a - bout, 101 102 103

mf Wit - ness, wit - ness,

104 Sam - son's strength was nev - uh foun' out. 105 106 107 *Gliss*

wit - ness, who's gon - n' b a wit - ness,

108 til his wife sat up - on his knees. She ask, "Tell me where yo' 109 110 111 112

cresc. wit - ness, wit - ness, *cresc.*

113 strength lies, if you please." Well, Sam - so's wife, 114 115 116

tell me where, if you please. *p* Hm. *p*

117 - sn' talked so fair, 118 119 120 121

Sam - son said, "Cut off -

122 - a my hair 123 124 125 126

jus' as clean as yo' han',

"Oh, yes," he said, "shave - a my head." Yes, Lawd,

127 an' my strength will come like a nat - 'ral man. Then 128 129 130 131 *mf*

3 *decesc.* *3* strength will come(m) nat - 'ral man(n). Then

132 133 134 135

you'll be a wit - ness for my Lord, —

mf you will be a wit - ness, wit - ness,

mf you will be a wit - ness, wit - ness, —

136 137 138 139

you'll be a wit - ness for my Lord, — yes,

you will be a wit - ness for my Lord, —

140 141 142 143

you'll be a wit - ness for my Lord, — My

— You'll be a wit - ness, My

144 145 146 147

soul is a wit - ness for my Lord, —
My soul gon - na be a wit - ness for my Lord, —

soul is a wit - ness for my Lord, —

148 *f* 149 150 151

Who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord, —

f Who's gon - na be a wit - ness, who's — gon - na be a wit - ness,

f Who will be a wit - ness, wit - ness, tell me, (Who?)

152 154 155

who'll be a wit - ness for my Lord? —

who's gon - na be a wit - ness, wit - ness, wit - ness for Je - sus?

who will be a wit - ness? Oh, tell me,

156 157 158 159

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

Who will be a wit - ness? My

who will be a wit - ness?

160 161 162 163

soul is a wit - ness for my Lord, —

soul is gon - na be a wit - ness for my Lord, — Tell me,

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164 ² *p* 165 166 167

soul is a wit - ness for my Lord, _____

soul is gon - na be a wit - ness for my Lord. _____ My

p *f*

168 *rall.* 169 170 *f* 171

for my, for my,

soul is a wit - ness for my, for my,

rall.

172 173 174 *ff*

for my, for my Lord!

for my, for my Lord!

ffz *ff*

ffz *ff*

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