

GONNA SING

(When the Spirit Says Sing)

for S.S.A. voices, a cappella
with percussion*

Traditional Spiritual
Arranged by ANDY BECK

Rhythmically (♩ = ca. 104)

ALL VOICES

SHAKER

3

5

7

Gon - na

sing when the spir - it says sing, gon - na

sing when the spir - it says sing, gon - na

sing when the spir - it says sing, and o -

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* Also available for 3-part mixed (48425), T.T.B. (48427), and 2-part (48428). Visit alfred.com for digital scores and audio.

Percussion parts are on pages 10-12.

“I’m Going to Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” is an African-American spiritual that comes from the oral tradition, and makes use of a common AAAB form in the lyrics. Just one word changes in the A line between verses, so it was easy for a song-leader to improvise new verses. This flexibility in performance has led to a wonderful proliferation of versions of this beloved song.

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bey the spir - it of the Lord.

SHAKER

CONGAS

DJEMBE

p play downbeats on lower pitch throughout

11

SOPRANO I & II

ALTO

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

13

mp

14

Gon - na sing when the spir - it says

mp

Gon - na sing when the spir - it says

mp

mp

mp

15

17

19

21

Lord. *mf* Gon - na

Lord. *mf* Gon - na

23

clap *handclaps* when the spir - it says clap, gon - na

clap *handclaps* when the spir it says clap, gon - na

mf

mf

mf

25

clap *handclaps* when the spir - it says clap, gon - na

clap *handclaps* when the spir - it says clap, gon - na

27 *handclaps*

clap when the spir - it says clap, and o -

clap when the spir - it says clap, and o -

29

bey the spir - it of the Lord.

bey the spir - it of the Lord.

31 *f* 32

Gon - na shout "Hal - le, hal - le" when the

Gon - na shout "Hal - le, hal - le" when the

33

spir - it says shout, gon - na shout "Ha - le - lu -

spir - it says shout, gon - na shout "Ha - le - lu -

35

jah!" Gon - na shout "Hal - le, hal - le" when the

jah!" Gon - na shout "Hal - le, hal - le" when the

37

spir - it says shout, and o - bey the spir - it of the

spir - it says shout, and o - bey the spir - it of the

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40

Lord. Gon - na sing and shout, gon - na

Lord. Gon - na sing and shout, gon - na

41

let my spir - it out, gon - na sing when the

let my spir - it out, gon - na sing when the

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

43

spir - it says sing. Gon - na

spir - it says sing. Gon - na

ff *mf*

ff *mf*

ff *decresc.* (tacet until measure 53)

(tacet until measure 53)

46

sing when the spir - it says sing, gon - na

sing when the spir - it says sing, gon - na

mf

48

decresc. sing when the spir - it says sing, gon - na *mp*

decresc. sing when the spir - it says sing, gon - na *mp*

decresc.

50

molto rit. sing when the spir - it says sing, and o - *p*

sing when the spir - it says sing, and o - *p*

mp *molto rit.*

52

freely bey the spir - it of the Lord. *sfz* *f* *handclap*

bey the spir - it of the Lord. *sfz* *f* *handclap*

SHAKER *freely* *fp* *f*

CONGAS *freely* *fp* *f*

DJEMBE *freely* *fp* *f*

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25

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44

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4/4 **2** **3** **7** **2**

p play downbeats on lower pitch throughout *cresc.*

14 **2** **2**

mp

21 **23** **2**

mp

27

32 **4**

f

39 **40** *cresc.*

cresc.

43 **2** **5** *molto rit. freely* *fp < f*

molto rit. freely *fp < f*

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4/4 **2** **3** **7** *p* *cresc.* **4**

14 *mp* **4**

21 **23** *mf* **2**

27

32 *f* **4**

39 **40** *cresc.*

44 **2** **46** **5** **2** *molto rit.* *freely* *fp* *f*



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