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Arrangement commissioned for the Three Rivers Choral Festival—Winona, MN

# PEOPLE GET READY

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano  
with optional SoundTrax\*

Arranged by  
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Performance time: approx. 3:15

Words and Music by  
**CURTIS MAYFIELD**

With a funky groove (♩ = ca. 84-88)

PIANO *mp*

4 *opt. SOLO 1* *mp* 5

Peo - ple get read y, there's a

*mf* *mp*

6

train a - com - m - You don't need no bag - gage, you just

\* SoundTrax CD available (50152). Visit [alfred.com](http://alfred.com) for digital scores and audio.

## PERFORMANCE NOTES:

The piano part contains many blues/grace notes. To simplify, the pianist may omit the grace notes as desired.  
Vocal solos may be performed by any single voice, a small group, or an entire section, as assigned by the director.

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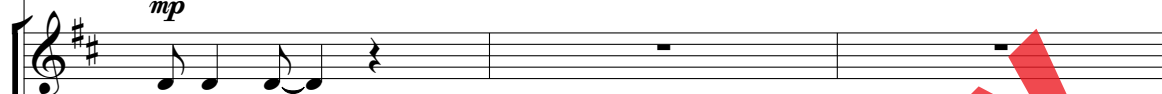
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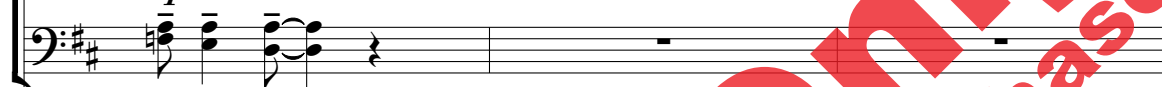


SOPRANO &amp; ALTO

*mp*

Get on board. \_

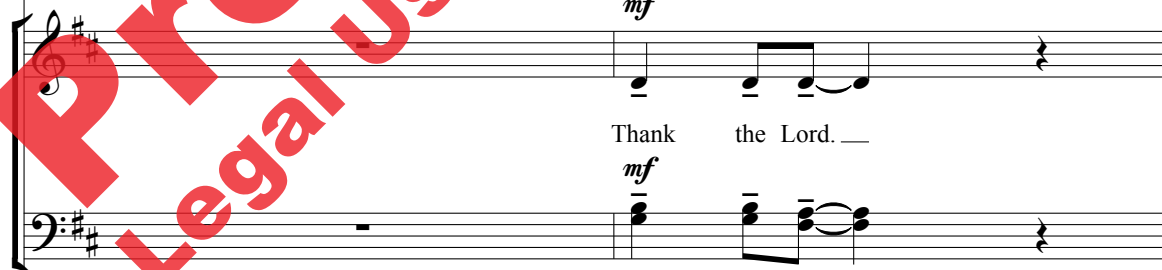
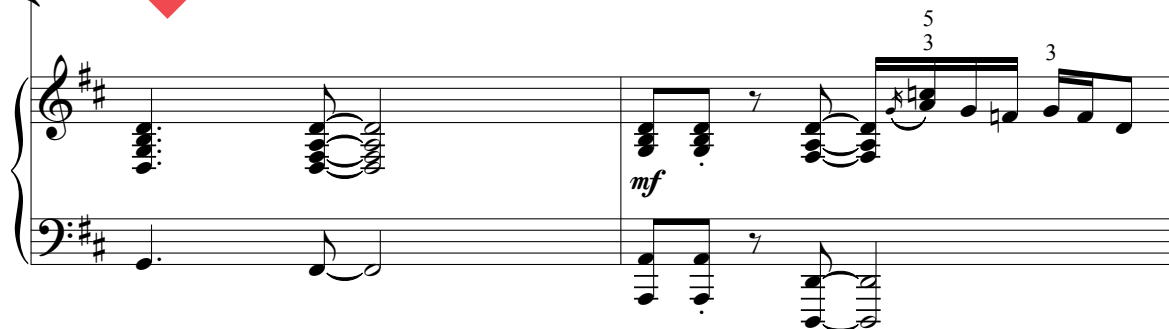
TENOR &amp; BASS

*mp*

11

*mf*

(end solo)

*mf*

13

The image shows a musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. It consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal melody in treble clef, with lyrics 'Hm - mm, hmm - mm,'. The middle staff is the vocal accompaniment in bass clef, mirroring the melody. The bottom staff is the piano accompaniment, with a treble and bass clef. The piano part features chords and single notes. A large red watermark 'Only Chase' is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

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The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in three systems. The first system features a vocal melody in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef, both in G major. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a half note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a half-note pattern in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal melody with a half note C5, followed by a quarter note D5, and then a half note E5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. The third system concludes the vocal melody with a half note F#5, followed by a quarter note G5, and then a half note A5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. The score is marked with a piano (p) dynamic and includes lyrics: 'hmm - mm, hmm mm.'.

Legal

*mf*

Peo - ple get read - y, there's a train to Jor - dan

*mf*

3 4 5

19

pick-in' up pas - sen - gers from coast to coast. —

21

Faith is key, — o - pen the doors and board — them.

23

There's hope for all, — so thank the Lord. —

25

## A FEW VOICES

*f**Hmm, \_\_\_\_\_*

S. &amp; A.

*Hmm - mm, \_**hmm - mm, \_*

T. &amp; B.

*f* (solo, bring out)

27

opt. SOLO 2 *mf*

Can we

*hmm - mm, \_**hmm, hmm - mm. \_*

29

e - ven make — room, ——— for the hope - less sin - ner, who would

*mp*

31

hurt all man - kind, ——— just to save his own? ——— Have

*opt SOLO 3*  
*mf*

33

mer - cy on those ——— whose choic - es grow thin - ner, so there's

S. & A.  
*p*

8

Hmm, ———

T. & B.  
*p*

8

Hmm, ———

35

no hid - ing place — from the king-dom's throne. — Get on board now,

*mp* king-dom's throne.

*mp*

37

(soloist may continue to ad lib through m. 44)

*f* oh ...

*mf* Hmm - mm, — hmm - mm, —

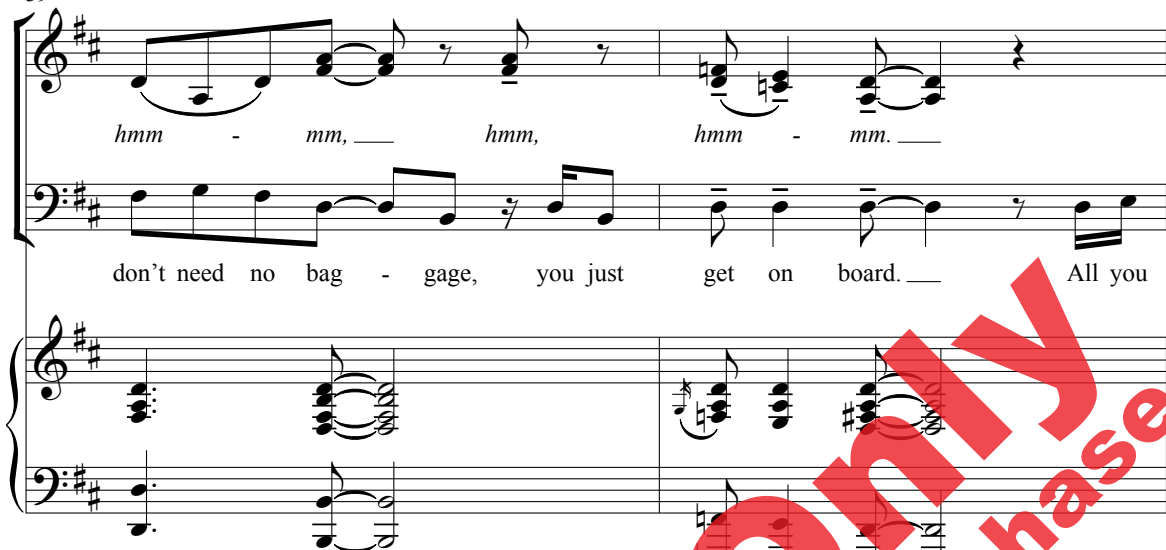
*f* Peo - ple get read - y, there's a train a - com - in'. You

*mf*



hmm - mm, \_\_\_ hmm, hmm - mm. \_\_\_

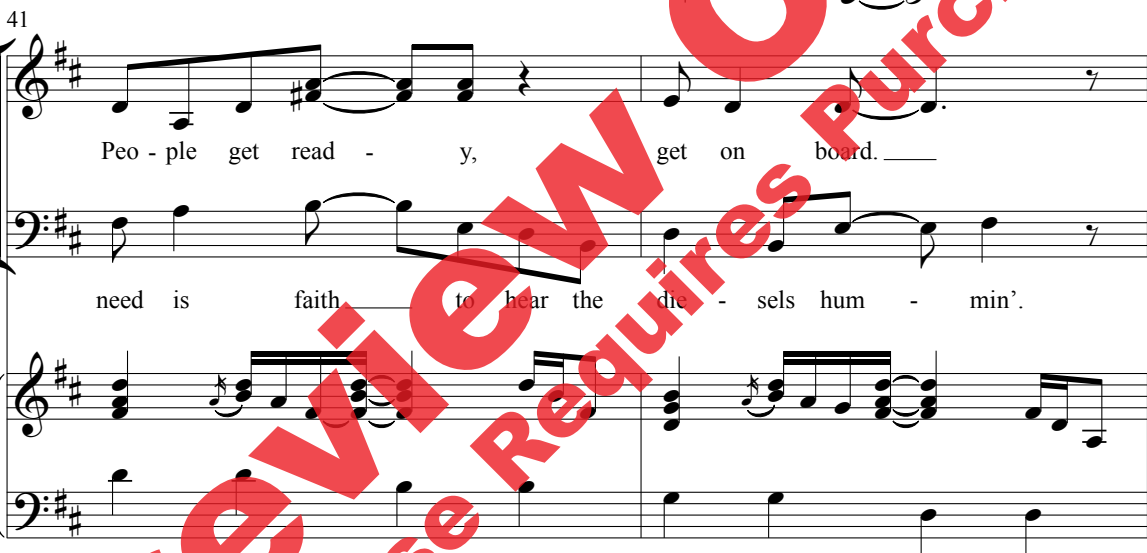
don't need no bag - gage, you just get on board. \_\_\_ All you



41

Peo - ple get read - y, get on board. \_\_\_

need is faith to hear the die - sels hum - min'.



43 (end ad lib solo)

Peo - ple get read - y, thank the Lord. \_\_\_

Don't need no tick - et, you just thank the Lord. \_\_\_

3



45

*p*

Get - tin' read - y, —

*p*  
Hmm - mm, —

hmm - mm, —

47

read - y Lord. —

hmm - mm, — read - y Lord. —

49

*mp**cresc.*

Hmm, mm, —

hmm, mm,

get - tin' read - y,  
*cresc.**mp**cresc.*

51

oh, \_\_\_\_\_ oh, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm read - y! \_\_\_\_\_

read - y, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

*f*

*f*

*f*

*8va*

53

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

Gon-na get on board, \_

*mf*

Oo, \_\_\_\_\_ gon-na get on board. \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

Get \_\_\_\_\_ on board. \_\_\_\_\_

*8va*

4 5 3 4

*loco*

55 *mf*

Oo, \_\_\_\_\_ gon-na get on board. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ time to get on board, \_\_\_\_\_

Oo, \_\_\_\_\_ gon-na get on board. \_\_\_\_\_

Get on board \_\_\_\_\_ time to get on

57 *cresc.*

Oo, \_\_\_\_\_ gon-na get on board. \_\_\_\_\_

*cresc.* \_\_\_\_\_ oo. \_\_\_\_\_

*cresc.* Oo, \_\_\_\_\_ gon-na get on board, \_\_\_\_\_ *f* time to get on board.

*cresc.* board. \_\_\_\_\_ *f* Get on board, \_\_\_\_\_ time to get on

8va \_\_\_\_\_

14

59

Oo, — on board. —

Oo, — gon-na get on board. —

Oo, you got-ta get on board, time to get on board. —

Oo, — gon-na get on board, — time to get on board. —

board. — Get on board, — time to get on board. —

61

Oh, ev-'ry-bod-y get on board. —

Ev-'ry bod-y ev-'ry-bod-y get on board. —

Ev-'ry bod-y gon-na get, gon-na get on board. —

Ev-'ry-bod-y gon-na get, gon-na get on board. —

*molto rit.**molto rit.**molto rit.**molto rit.**molto rit.*

63 Broadly *ff*

Ev - 'ry - bod - y get read - y, it's time to get on

Ev - 'ry - bod - y get read - y, it's time to get on

Ev - 'ry - bod - y get read - y, it's time to get on

Ev - 'ry - bod - y get read - y, it's time to get on

Broadly

*ff*

65 *cresc.* *fff*

board!

*cresc.* *fff*

board!

*cresc.* *fff*

board!

*cresc.* *fff*

board!

*cresc.* *fff*

*8va*

*8vb*