

THE WELCOME TABLE

for S.A.T.B. divisi voices, a cappella*

Traditional Spiritual
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With freedom (♩ = ca. 63)

VOICES

SOLO 1
mp

I'm gon-na sit at the wel-come _____ ta - ble. Oh, _____

SOLO 2
mp

3

I'm _____ gon-na sit at the wel-come ta - ble one of these days. _____ Oh, _____

SOLO 3
mp

5

I'm _____ gon-na sit at the wel-come _____ ta - ble. Gon - na

ALL SOLOS

7

rit.

(end trio)

sit at the wel-come ta - ble one of these days, one of these days.

“The Welcome Table” is a traditional African American spiritual that serves as a powerful declaration of hope and dignity. It contrasts the harsh reality of enslaved people being barred from their masters’ tables with the spiritual promise that in heaven, everyone will sit together as equals to “feast on milk and honey.”

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9 Not too fast (♩ = ca. 72)

S. *p*

Sit at the wel-come, wel-come ta - ble, sit at the wel-come ta - ble.

A. *p*

Sit at the wel-come, wel-come ta - ble, sit at the wel-come ta - ble.

T. *p*

Sit at the wel-come, wel-come ta - ble, sit at the wel-come ta - ble.

B. *p*

Sit at the wel-come, wel-come ta - ble, sit at the wel-come ta - ble.

PIANO (for rehearsal only)

Not too fast (♩ = ca. 72)

p

11

Sit at the wel-come, wel-come ta - ble, sit at the wel-come ta - ble.

Sit at the wel-come, wel-come ta - ble, sit at the wel-come ta - ble.

Sit at the wel-come, wel-come ta - ble, sit at the wel-come ta - ble.

Sit at the wel-come, wel-come ta - ble, sit at the wel-come ta - ble.

13

mf
I'm gon-na sit at the wel-come — ta - ble.

mp
Hmm, oh,

mp
Hmm, oh,

mp
Hmm, oh,

mf
mp

15

I'm gon-na sit at the wel-come ta - ble, oh Lord, one of these days. —

cresc. *mf*
yes, yes, yes, hal - le - lu - jah,

cresc. *mf*
yes, yes, yes, hal - le - lu - jah,

cresc. *mf*
yes, yes, yes, hal - le - lu - jah,

I'm gon-na sit at the wel-come — ta - ble. I'm gon-na

mp *mf*

Lord, oh, Lord. I'm gon-na

mp *mf*

Lord, oh, Lord. I'm gon-na

mp *mf*

Lord, oh, Lord. I'm gon-na

mp *mf*

sit at the wel - come ta - ble one of these days.

sit down, sit down, yes, one of these days.

sit down, sit down, yes, one of these days.

sit down, sit down, yes, one of these days.

21 *p*

p

p

p

mf

mf

Oh, _____

Oh, _____

Oh, _____

I'm gon-na drink an' nev - er get thirst - y one of these, one of these, one of these days. ____

23 *cresc.*

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

nev - er get thirst - y one ____ of these days.

nev - er get thirst - y one _____ of these days.

nev - er get thirst - y one of these ____ days.

I'm gon-na drink an' nev - er get thirst - y one of these, one of these days.

25

mf

I'm gon-na drink an' nev - er get thirst - y _____ one _____ of these days. I'm gon-na

mf

I'm gon-na drink an' nev - er get thirst - y _____ one _____ of these days. I'm gon-na

mf

I'm gon-na drink an' nev - er get thirst - y _____ one _____ of these days. I'm gon-na

mf

I'm gon-na drink an' nev - er get thirst - y _____ one _____ of these days. I'm gon-na

27

sit at the wel - come ta - ble one of these days.

sit down, _____ sit down, yes, one of these days. _____

sit down, sit down, yes, one of these days. _____

sit down, _____ sit down, yes, one of these days.

30

29

p *f*

One of these days, one ____ of these days, I'm gon-na feast on milk an' ____

p *f*

One of these days, one ____ of these days, I'm gon-na feast on milk an' ____

p *f*

One of these days, one ____ of these days. ____

p *f*

One of these days, one ____ of these days. ____

p *f*

31

____ hon - ey, oh yes, oh yes, ____

____ hon - ey, oh yes, oh yes, ____

I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey

I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey

one of these days. I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey

one of these days. I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey

one of these, one of these days. I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey

one of these, one of these days. I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey

one of these days, I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey,

one of these days, I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey,

one of these days, I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey,

one of these days, I'm gon-na feast on milk an' hon - ey, I'm gon-na

37

molto rit. e decresc.

39

39

days.

yes, one of these days.

yes, one of these days.

yes, one of these days.

40 Slow and soulful ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 50$)

p

Oh, _____ Lord, yes, _____ Lord.

p

Oh, _____ Lord, yes, _____ Lord.

p

Oh, _____ Lord, yes, _____ Lord.

p

Oh, _____ Lord, yes, oh, Lord. ____

Slow and soulful ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 50$)

p

42 *close to "ng"*

Sing, sing, yes, one of these days.

close to "ng"

Sing, sing, yes, one of these days. ____

close to "ng"

Sing, sing, yes, one of these days. ____

close to "ng"

Sing, sing, yes, one of these days.

44

Oh, Lord, one of these days, I'm gon-na

Oh, Lord, one of these days, I'm gon-na

Oh, Lord, one of these days, I'm gon-na

Oh, Lord, one of these days, I'm gon-na

46

rit. e decresc.
sing an' nev-er get ti-red one of these days.

rit. e decresc.
sing an' nev-er get ti-red, yes, one of these days.

rit. e decresc.
sing an' nev-er get ti-red, yes, one of these days.

rit. e decresc.
sing an' nev-er get ti-red, yes, one of these days.

rit. e decresc.

With renewed energy (♩ = ca. 72)

48

mf

Gon - na sit ___ at the wel - come ta - ble, drink, drink ___ an' nev-er get thirst - y,

mf

Gon - na sit ___ at the wel - come ta - ble, drink, drink ___ an' nev-er get thirst - y,

mf

Gon - na sit ___ at the wel - come ta - ble, drink, drink ___ an' nev-er get thirst - y,

mf

Gon - na sit ___ at the wel - come ta - ble, drink, drink ___ an' nev-er get thirst - y,

With renewed energy (♩ = ca. 72)

mf

50

feast on milk and hon - ey with my Lord, in ___ that by an' by.

feast on milk and hon - ey with my Lord in ___ that by an' by.

feast on milk and hon - ey with my Lord in ___ that by an' by.

feast on milk and hon - ey with my Lord in ___ that by an' by. ___

52 *f*

Sing an' nev-er get ti - red with my Lord ____ on ____ high. I'm gon-na

f

Sing an' nev-er get ti - red with my Lord ____ on high. I'm gon-na

f

Sing an' nev-er get ti - red with my Lord ____ on high. I'm gon-na

f

Sing an' nev-er get ti - red with my Lord ____ on high. I'm gon-na

54

drink an' nev - er get thirst - y, feast on milk an' hon - ey,

drink an' nev - er get thirst - y, feast on milk an' hon - ey,

drink an' nev - er get thirst - y, feast on milk an' hon - ey,

drink an' nev - er get thirst - y, feast on milk an' hon - ey,

Grandly (♩ = ca. 52)

58

f *rit.* *ff*

days, one of these days! _____

f *rit.* *ff*

days, one of these days! _____

f *rit.* *ff*

days, one of these days! _____

f *rit.* *ff*

days, one of these days! _____