

I Got Shoes

For Full Chorus of Mixed Voices
a cappella

Negro Spiritual

Arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Understated; as a soft-shoe dance

Soprano Alto Bass I Bass II Piano (for rehearsal only)

I got shoes, you got shoes,
sim.

Got shoes 'n' you, got shoes 'n' you,
sim.

I got shoes 'n', I got shoes 'n',
sim.

Understated; as a soft-shoe dance

All o' God's chil-lun got shoes, When I get to Hea-b'n, gon-na
got shoes 'n' you, got shoes,
I got shoes 'n', I got

(5) (5)

This Spiritual has been recorded by the Robert Shaw Chorale in RCA Victor Album # LM 2580.
Approximate duration 2:21.

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Sheet music for a song with lyrics. The music is in common time, key signature of F major (one sharp). The vocal part consists of two staves: soprano and alto/bass. The lyrics are:

put on my shoes, I'm gon-na walk all o - ver God's hea - b'n.
— got shoes, . shoe, shoe, got shoes,
shoes, got shoe, shoe, I
hea - b'n, hea - b'n, Ev - 'ry - bod - y talk - in' 'bout
got shoes, got shoes, got shoes,
you, 'n' I, 'n' you, 'n'

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(15) div.

hea-b'n ain't - a - gwine there, Hea-b'n,
got shoes, Hea-b'n,
hea-b'n, I'm gon-na

I,
'n' you, hea-b'n shoes, hea-b'n.

(15)

SOPRANO
ALTO
TENOR
BASS II

walk all o - ver God's hea-b'n.
I got a robe, You got a robe,
Got a robe, 'n' you
walk all o - ver God's hea-b'n.
walk all o - ver God's hea-b'n.
I got a robe, 'n'

mp unis.

I got a robe, you got a robe, All o' God's chil-lun got a

I got a robe, You got a robe, I got a robe,

— got a robe, 'n' you — got a robe, 'n'

I — got a robe. 'n' I

(25)

robe, When I get to Hea-bin, gon-na put on my robe, I'm gon-na

You got a robe. I got a robe. You got a robe.

you — got a robe, — got a robe, — got a robe,

got a robe, 'n' I got a robe, got a robe, got a

(25)

wear it all o - ver God's hea - b'n, _____ hea - b'n, _____

I got - a robe, You got - a robe, I got - a robe,
robe, robe, got a robe, got a robe,
robe, robe, I 'n' you.

(30) hea - b'n _____ Ev - ery - bod - y talk-in' 'bout hea - b'n ain't a - gwine there,

You got - a robe, I got - a robe, You got - a robe,
got a robe, got a robe, got a robe,
I, 'n' you. 'n' I, 'n'

SOPRANO

Hea . b'n, _____ Hea . b'n, _____ I'm gon-na wear it all o - ver God's

ALTO

Hea . b'n, _____ Hea . b'n, _____ I'm gon-na wear it all o - ver God's

TENOR

I got_ a robe, • You got_ a robe, Wear it all o - ver God's
hea . b'n, hea . b'n,

BASS I

you, Hea . b'n robe, Hea . b'n, Wear it all o - ver God's

BASS II

(35)

he a - b'n. I got a wings, You got a wings,

he a - b'n. I got a wings. You got a wings,

he a - b'n. I got a wings, You got a wings,

Got wings, 'n' you

he a - b'n. I got wings 'n'

(40)

All o' God's chil-lun got a wings, When I get to hea-b'n, gon-na

All o' God's chil-lun got a wings, When I get to hea-b'n gon-na

I got a wings, You got a wings, I got a wings,
got wings, 'n' you got wings, got wings,
you got wings, 'n'

(40)

put on my wings, I'm gon-na fly all o - ver God's hea - b'n, ____

put on my wings, I'm gon-na fly all o - ver God's hea - b'n, ____

You got a wings, I got a wings, You got a wings,
got wings, wings, wings, got wings,
wings, got wings, wings, I 'n'

he - b'n, _____ hea - b'n. _____ Ev'ry bod - y talk - in' 'bout
he - b'n, _____ hea - b'n. _____ Ev'ry bod - y talk - in' 'bout
I got a wings, You got a wings, I . . . got a wings,
got wings, got wings, got wings,
you, 'n' you. 'n' you, 'n'
he - b'n ain't a - gwine there, hea - b'n, hea - b'n, I'm gon - na
he - b'n ain't a - gwine there, hea - b'n, hea - b'n, I'm gon - na
You got a wings, I got a wings, You got a wings,
got wings, hea - b'n, hea - b'n,
'n' you, Hea - b'n, wings, hea - b'n,
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fly all o . ver God's hea . b'n.—
 fly all o . ver God's hea . b'n.—
 fly all o . ver God's hea . b'n.—
 You got a harp,
 fly all o . ver God's hea . b'n.— I got a harp, You got a harp,

(55) All God's chil-lun got a harp, Hea . b'n,—
 All God's chil-lun got a harp; Hea . b'n,—
 All God's chil-lun got a harp, When I get to hea-b'n, gon-na
 All God's chil-lun got a harp, When I get to hea-b'n, gon-na
 All God's chil-lun got a harp.

div. *poco marc.*

div. *poco marc.*

poco marc.

heeb'n, heeb'n, heeb'n, heeb'n,
heeb'n, heeb'n, heeb'n, heeb'n,
take up my harp, I'm gon-na play all o - ver God's heeb'n,
take up my harp, I'm gon-na play all o - ver God's heeb'n,

heeb'n, heeb'n, Ev - ry bod - y talk - in' 'bout heeb'n ain't-a - gwine there,
heeb'n, heeb'n, Ev - ry bod - y talk - in' 'bout heeb'n ain't-a - gwine there,
heeb'n, heeb'n, I got - a harp, You got - a harp,
heeb'n, heeb'n, I got - a harp, You got - a harp,
heeb'n, heeb'n, I 'n' you.

(65) cresc. molto

Ah, Hea · b'n, — Ah, Hea · b'n, I'm gon · na play all o · ver God's
cresc. molto
Hea · b'n, — hea · b'n, — I'm gon · na play all o · ver God's
cresc. molto
Hea · b'n, — hea · b'n, — I'm gon · na play all o · ver God's
cresc. molto
unis.
Ah, — hea · b'n, Ah, hea · b'n, I'm gon · na play all o · ver God's

(65)

cresc. molto

hea · b'n.

hea · b'n.

I got — a harp, You got — a harp, I got — a harp.
got a harp. got a harp. got a harp.
div. p. dim. più p.
I 'n' you, 'n' l, 'n'
(70) p. dim. più p.

(75)

shoes,
robe,
bod-y talk-in' bout ain't- a - gwine there, I got_ a shoes, I got_ a robe
got a shoes, got a robe
bod-y talk-in' bout ain't- a-gwine there, I 'n' you, 'n'
Gon-na play all o - ver God's
wings, harp, Play all o - ver God's
I got_ a wings, I got_ a harp to play all o - ver God's
got a wings, got a harp, Gon-na
'n' you, Gon-na play all o - ver God's

(80)

molto dim.

shoes, robe, wings,

molto dim.

You got— a shoes, You got— a robe, You got— a wings,
got a shoes, got a robe, got a wings 'n'

molto dim.

You 'n' I, 'n' you 'n'

(81)

p molto dim.

bounce (85) non rit.

Gon-na play all o - ver God's hea . b'n. —

bounce

harp, Gon-na play all o - ver God's hea . b'n. —

bounce

harp, Gon-na play all o - ver God's hea . b'n. —

bounce

harp, Gon-na play all o - ver God's hea . b'n. —

85 non rit.

p bounce