

PROGRAM

"THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS"

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1

"Good News"

Good news, the chariot is coming.
Good news the chariot is coming.
Good news the chariot is coming.
An I don't want it to leave me behind.
Going to ride up in the chariot, to carry me home.
Going to ride up in the chariot, to carry me home.
An I don't want it to leave me behind.

2

"I've been in the storm so long".

I've been in the storm so long,
I've been in the storm so long.
Oh give me a little time to pray,
Oh let me tell my mother how I came along
Oh give me a little time to pray,
With a hung down head and an aching heart,
Oh give me a little time to pray,
I've been in the storm so long, etc.

3

"Bye and Bye"

Bye and bye I'm going to lay down my heavy load
When I get to heaven going to sing and shout,
Am going to lay down my heavy load.
There's nobody there to turn me out,
I'm going to lay down my heavy load.

O, Christians, can't you rise and tell,
I'm going to lay down my heavy load;
That Jesus hath done all things well,
I'm going to lay down my heavy load.

4

"Ride Up in the Chariot"

Going to ride up in the chariot
Sooner in the morning,
Ride up in the chariot,
Sooner in the morning.

Hoja 2^a.--

And I hope I'll join the band,
Oh Lord have mercy on me,
Oh Lord have mercy on me,
And I hope I'll join the band,
Going to meet my brother there,
Going to chatter with the angels,
Going to meet my Jesus there,
Sooner in the morning,
And I hope I'll join the band.

SECOND GROUP

1

Were you there?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord,
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree,
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb,
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb.

2

"Golden Slippers"

What kind of shoes you going to wear?
Golden slippers, golden slippers I'm bound to wear
That outshine the glittering sun.
Yes, yes, my Lord, I'm going to join the heavenly choir,
Yes, yes my Lord, I'm a soldier of the Cross.
What kind of harp you going to play? etc.
What kind of song you going to sing? etc.

3

"Get on Board"

Get on board little children
Get on board little children,
There's room for many a more.
The Gospel train is coming
I hear her just at hand,
I hear the car wheels rumbling
And moving though the land,
Oh, get on board little children,
Get on board little children,
There's room for many a more.

Soon we'll reach the station
And greet our heavenly king,
And folks from every nation
Will make the welkin ring,
So get on board little children
There's room for many a more.

4

"Deep River"

Deep River, my home is over Jordan,
Deep River, Lord I want to cross over into camp ground.
Deep, deep river, Home is over Jordan,

Hoja 3^a. -

Deep, deep, river, I want to cross over into camp ground.
Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace,
Deep River.

THIRD GROUP

1

"Bugle Song"

The splendour falls on castle walls,
And snowy summits old in story,
The long light shakes across the lakes
And the wild cataract leaps in glory, leaps in glory.
Blow bugle blow, and answer echoes dying, dying, dying,
O hark, O hear how thin and clear,
And thinner, clearer, farther going,
O sweet and far from cliff to sea,
The horns of Elfland faintly blowing----
Blow bugle blow, blow bugle blow,
Let us hear the purple glens replying,
Blow bugle blow, and answer echoes dying.
O Love they die in your rich sky,
They faint o'er hill and field and river,
Still the wild cataract leaps in glory,
Blow bugle blow, set the wild echoes flying,
Blow bugle blow, and answer echoes dying, dying.

2

"Estrellita"

To be sung in Spanish.

3

"Passing By"

There is a lady sweet and kind,
Has never face so pleased my mind,
I did but see her passing by,
And yet I love her till I die.
Her gestures, motions, and her smile,
Her wit, her voice, my heart beguile,
Beguile my heart I know not why,
And yet I love her till I die.
Cupid is winged and doth range
Her country, so my love doth change
But change the earth or change the sky,
Yet will I love her till I die.

4

"Swanee River"

Way up and down the Swanee River,
Far far away,
There's where my heart am turning over,
There's where the old folks stay.
All round the little farm I wandered,
When I was young,
There many happy hours I squandered,
Many the songs I sung.
All this world am sad and dreary,

Everywhere I roam,
Oh darkies how my heart gets weary,
Far from the old folks at home.

FOURTH GROUP.

1

"Hear the lambs a-crying"

Hear the lambs a-crying,
Hear the lambs a-crying,
Oh Shepherd feed my sheep.
My Lord said those words so sweet,
~~Oh~~ Oh Shepherd feed my sheep.
Saying Peter if you love me feed my sheep.
Lord I love thee thou dost know,
Oh give me grace to love thee more.
Oh Shepherd feed my sheep,
Hear the lambs a-crying,
Oh Shepherd feed my sheep.

2

"Peter go ring them bells."

Peter go ring them bells,
Peter go ring them bells,
Peter go ring them bells,
I heard from heaven today.
I wonder where my sister Mary's gone
I heard from heaven today,
She's gone where sister Martha's gone
I heard from heaven today,
So Peter go ring them bells, etc.

3

"Ezekiel Saw the Wheel"

Ezekiel saw the wheel,
Way up in the middle of the air,
The big wheel moved by faith,
And the little wheel moved by the Grace of God,
The wheel in a wheel way in the middle of the air,
Way over yonder in the harvest field,
The angels shouting at the chariot wheels,
Ezekiel saw the wheel,
Way in the middle of the air.

4

"Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray".

I couldn't hear nobody pray and I couldn't hear nobody pray.
Oh way down yonder by myself and I couldn't hear nobody pray.
Chilly waters, in the Jordan crossing over into Canaan.
Hallelujah, troubles over, in the heaven with my Jesus.
Oh I couldn't hear nobody pray, I couldn't hear nobody pray.
Way down yonder by myself, and I couldn't hear nobody pray.

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1

"I WANT TO BE READY"

I want to be ready, I want to be ready
To walk in Jerusalem just like John
Oh John, Oh John, what do you say?
To walk in Jerusalem just like John
That I'll be there at the coming day,
To walk in Jerusalem just like John.

When Peter was preaching at the Pentecost
To walk in Jerusalem just like John---
He was endowed with the holy Ghost
To walk in Jerusalem just like John.

John said the City was just four square
To walk in Jerusalem just like John,
And he declared he'd meet me there
To walk in Jerusalem just like John,
I want to be ready, I want to be ready, etc.

2

"EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT"

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Upon the mountain my Lord spoke and from his mouth came fire and
All around me things did shine, I ask my Lord is all this mine.
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Jordan River, chilly and a cold chills the body but not the soul.
In the valley on my knees, ask my Lord have mercy please.

3

"ALL OVER THIS WORLD"

All my troubles will soon be over with
All over this world, all over this world.
All back sliding will soon be over with,
All over this world, all over this world.
Weep and mourning will soon be over with,
All over this world, all over this world.

4
"DONE MADE MY VOW"

I done made my vow to the lord and I never will turn back
I will go, I shall go to see what the end will be.
Though days be dark and nights be long,
We'll work and work till we get home,
I will go, I shall go to see what the end will be,
Done made my vow, etc.

-second group.-

1

"I'M TROUBLED IN MIND"

I'm troubled, & I'm troubled, I'm troubled in mind,
If Jesus dont help me I surely will die.
When borne down by sorrow and burdened with grief,
Held To Jesus my Saviour I fly for relief.
I'm troubled, & I'm troubled in mind
If Jesus dont help me I surely will die.

2

"GOING UP"

Oh yes I'm going up, going up all the way Lord,
going up to see the heavenly land.
Oh saints and sinners, want you go, to see the heavenly land,
I'm going to heaven for to see my robe,
See heavenly land, going to see my robe and try it on
To see the heavenly land, its brighter than the glittering sun,
To see the heavenly land.
Oh yes I'm going up all the way Lord,
To see the heavenly land.

3

"ITS ME, OH LORD"

Its me, its me Oh Lord,
standing in the need of prayer,
Not my brother or my sister
But its me Oh Lord
standing in the need of prayer.
Not the deacon or the elder,
But its me Oh Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Its me, its me, Oh Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

4

"LIVE A HUMBLE"

Live a Humble, humble, humble yourself
The bell done rung.
The bell done rung, the song done sung
Dont let it catch you with your work undone.
Live a humble, humble, yourself.
The bell done rung.

Third group

1

"AVE MARIA"

Oh Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O loving Saviour,
 These we would be praising with joyful lips,
 For thou hast redeemed us, Thou hast redeemed us of Thy grace and
 Teach us to know Thee, teach us to live Thee, mercy
 Make us to follow, to follow after holiness,
 So in temptation, and in the hour of sadness,
 We shall find comfort and help in Thee.
 Guide us O Saviour, O loving Saviour,
 So in the hour of sadness
 We shall find comfort and help in Thee. Amen.

2

CHORUS

"IT'S CH, TO BE A WILD ROSE"

It's Ch, to be a wild wind
 When my lady's in the sun
 She'd just unbind her neckerchief
 And take me, breathing in.

It's Ch, to be a red rose,
 Just a faintly blushing one,
 So she'd pull me with her hand
 And to her snowy breast I'd win.

3

"LULLABY"

On the old stone step of a doorway tall
 Where the shadows lie cool and deep
 A wee little woman of half past three
 Is singing her baby to sleep
 Crooning a lullaby soft and low,
 Happy the whole summer long
 With the old rag doll she is lulling to sleep
 With the blessed old cradle song

Bye O Baby Buntin'
 Daddy's gone a huntin'
 To get a little rabbit skin
 To wrap the bye-bye baby in.

In the old church yard where the sun beams creep
 Through a tangle of roses red,
 The wee little woman lies fast asleep
 In a little white marble bed;
 A motherless doll with a broken arm
 Is waiting the sad summer long
 For this wee little woman of half past three
 Who sang her this cradle song

Bye O Baby Buntin'
 Daddy's gone a huntin'
 To get a little rabbit skin
 To wrap the bye-bye baby in.

"LITTLE TOMMY"

Little Tommy went a fishing on a very pleasant sabbath day
 Little Tommy he was wishing fish would bite, not run away
 But he didn't get a bite.
 Little Tommy didn't catch one.
 Along came the minister home from church passing by the babbling ^{brook} stream
 He saw Tommy luckless Tommy with his little fish pole and his hook.
 His baited hook.
 Then said the minister, its wrong to catch fish on Sunday.
 Very wrong to catch fish on Sunday.
 & Then said Tommy, who's catching any fish, who's catching any fish,
 I haven't had a bite all day,
 Who's catching any fish on Sunday.

Fourth group

1

"SOME OF THESE DAYS"

I'm going down to the river of Jordan
 I'm going down to the river of Jordan
 Some of these days, Hallelujah,
 I'm going down to the river of Jordan
 Some of these days.
 I'm going to put on silver slippers
 I'm going to put on silver slippers
 Some of these days, Hallelujah,
 I'm going to put on silver slippers
 Some of these days.
 I'm going to sit down by my Jesus
 I'm going to sit down by my Jesus
 Some of these days, Hallelujah,
 I'm going to sit down by my Jesus
 Some of these days.

2

"I WANT TO DIE EASY"

I want to die easy when I die
 Shout salvation as I fly
 I want to die easy when I die
 I want to die shouting when I die
 Shout salvation as I fly
 I want to die shouting when I die
 I want to die easy, etc.

3

"THE OLD ARK"

The old ark is moving along
 And I'm going home.
 See that sister dressed so fine
 She ain't got Jesus on her mind.
 The old ark is moving along
 And I'm going home.
 See that brother going so slow,
 He won't get to heaven before the heaven doors close
 The old ark is moving along
 And I am going home.

"THE GREAT CAMP MEETING"

Oh walk together children, don't you get weary
Oh walk together children, don't you get weary
There is a great camp meeting in the promised land.
Going to sing and be never tire,
There is a great camp meeting in the promised land.

Oh sing together children, don't you get weary
Oh sing together children, don't you get weary
As I feel the spirit moving, don't you get weary
Now I'm getting happy, don't you get weary.
There is a great camp meeting in the promised land
Oh fly and never tire, fly and never tire,
There is a great camp meeting in the promised land.
