

Fred Waring
Mixed Chorus Series

Set Down Servant

Mixed Chorus with incidental
Bass and Alto Solos

Arranged by
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Negro Spiritual

Bright rocking tempo ($\text{♩} = 92 - 100$)

(Whisper)

ppp

Voice

Chu-chu-du, chu-chu-du. chu-chu-du, chu-chu-du, chu-chu-du, chu-chu-du, chu-chu

Hands

(Clap)

Feet

(Tap)

5 *ff* *ppp*

chu-chu-du, chu-chu-du. chu-chu-du, chu-chu-du, chu-chu-du, chu-chu-du, chu-chu

9 **A** Begin as deep distant chant - *gradual crescendo*

Soprano *pp-mp (melody)*

Alto *pp-mp* * "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

Tenor *pp-mp* * "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

Bass *pp-mp* * "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

* "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."
- Small notes are optional Bass div.

* Note: Two things are important to the "chant" strain of this spiritual:
(1) A heavy constant rhythm and (2) An equally intense legato, capitalizing heavily upon the consonants which have pitch (n's and m's) almost as though the strain were sung with clenched teeth.
Thus: Sed down servan'd I kain' sed down etc.

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"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py dat I cain' set down!"

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py dat I cain' set down!"

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py dat I cain' set down!"

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py dat I cain' set down!"

ⓑ Alto Solo *Recitative ad lib.*

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1. My Lawd, you know dat you prom - ise' me, —
 2. My Lawd, you know dat you prom - ise' me, —

sffz
* Voom

sffz
* Voom

sffz
* Voom

sffz
* Voom

19

"Prom-ise' me a long white robe — An' a pair — of shoes."
 "Prom-ise' me a long white robe — An' a gold - en waist band."

Voom Voom oo

Voom Voom oo

Voom Voom

Voom Voom

* ' Close to him immediately.

Bass Solo (or Baritone *8va*) *Recitative ad lib.*

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Go yon-der an-gel,— Fetch me a pair of shoes ———
Go yon-der an-gel,— Fetch me a gold-en waist-band

"Doodle-oodle-oodle" etc.

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Place dem on-a my ser-vant's feet *a tempo* *ff* Now ser-vant you set down.
Place it roun'-a my ser-vant's waist *ff* Now ser-vant you set down.
ff Now ser-vant you set down.
ff Now ser-vant you set down.
ff Now ser-vant you set down.
ff Set down, set down."

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mp gradual crescendo

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."
mp
"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."
mp
"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."
mp
"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

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"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py that I cain' set down!"

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py that I cain' set down!"

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py that I cain' set down!"

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py that I cain' set down!"

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© *f*

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

melody

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

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ff *fff*

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py that I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

ff *fff*

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py that I cain' set down." "Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down."

ff

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py that I cain' set down."

"Set down, ser-vant!" "I cain' set down. My soul's so hap-py that I cain' set down."

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sfz *sfz*

dow - oo — oon! Set dow - oo — oo — n Set

sfz *sfz*

dow - oo — oon! Set dow - oo — oo — n Set

fff

"But, Lawd, I cain' set down Yeah, Lawd, but I cain' set down

fff

"But, Lawd, I cain' set down Yeah, Lawd, but I cain' set down

Slow "Low Down Blues" tempo ($\text{♩} = 60-66$)

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sfz *deliberately* *fff*

down!" I cain' set down! My soul is so hap - py dat I cain' set down.

sfz *fff*

down!" I cain' set down! My soul is so hap - py dat I cain' set down.

fff

Oh, Lawd I cain' set down! My soul is so hap - py dat I cain' set down.

fff

Oh, Lawd I cain' set down! My soul is so hap - py dat I cain' set down.