



Handout 3 - Song Lyrics

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Negro Spiritual as arranged by Nathaniel Dett (1936)

Chorus: Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
Coming for to carry me home
A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home

If you get there before I do
Coming for to carry me home
Tell all my friends I'm coming too
Coming for to carry me home

The brightest day that ever I saw
Coming for to carry me home
When Jesus washed my sins away
Coming for to carry me home

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down
Coming for to carry me home
But still my soul feels heav'nly bound
Coming for to carry me home

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"In the Morning When I Rise"

Still on the Journey - Sweet Honey in the Rock (1993)

In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Well I wanna rise holy when I rise (2x)

In the morning when I rise In the morning
when I rise In the morning when I rise Well
I wanna rise sanctified
Wanna rise holy
Wanna rise wanna rise when I rise (2x)

In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Well I wanna rise standing
Wanna rise shouting
Well I wanna rise singing
Wanna rise fighting
Wanna rise sanctified
Wanna rise sanctified
Wanna rise holy
Wanna rise wanna rise
Wanna rise wanna rise

One of these mornings 'bout twelve
o'clock
This old world's gonna reel and rock
One of these mornings bright and fair
I'll get some wings and fly the air

Meet me Jesus, meet me Jesus
In the middle of the air
If my wings should fail me
Meet me with another pair
Two white horses
Riding side by side
Low (lower) your chariot
And let me ride

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"In the Morning When I Rise"

Still on the Journey - Sweet Honey in the Rock (1993)

*One of these mornings, it won't be long
You'll look for me
And I'll be gone
I'm going up to heaven
To sing and shout
There'll be nobody there
To turn me out*

*I'll talk with the Father
I'll talk with the Son
Tell them about this old world
I've just come from*

*I'll look up David
In the heat of the day
Tune up my harp
And then I'll play*

*Shake hands with Moses,
Ruth, Luke, Esther and John
Tell them about this tedious journey
I've done run*

*I'm gonna go a little further
And meet my father
With Frederick Douglass
And Sojourner Truth*

*Walk down by the river
And meet Harriet Tubman
Her battles done been fought
And her victories won*

*All the saints gathered
Around the throne
They'll shout hallelujah
And welcome me home
I wanna rise wanna rise
I wanna rise wanna rise
I wanna rise wanna rise
When I rise*

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“Mothership Connection (Starchild)”

Mothership Connection - Parliament (1976)

Well, all right, starchild
Citizens of the universe, recording angels
We have returned to claim the pyramids
Partying on the mothership

I am the mothership connection
Gettin' down in 3-D,
light year groovin'
All right, hear any noise

Like nobody but me and the boys Gettin'
down, hit it fellas
If you hear any noise
It's just me and the boys
Hit me, you gotta hit the band

All right, all right, starchild here
Put a glide in your stride
and a dip in your hip
And come on up to the Mothership
Loose booty, doin' the bump
Hustle on over here

If you hear any noise
It's just me and the boys
Hit me, you gotta hit the band
Ain't nothing but a party, y'all

Face it even your memory banks
Have forgotten this funk
Mothership Connection
Home of the P-funk, the bomb

If you hear any noise
It's just me and the boys
Hit me, you gotta hit the band
(Doin' it in 3-D)

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Let me put on my sunglasses here
So I can see what I'm doing
When you hear seats rumble
You will hear your conscience grumble
Hit me, you gotta hit the band
You have overcome for I am here

Swing down, sweet chariot
Stop and let me ride (6x)

Are you hip to Easter Island?
The Bermuda Triangle?
Well, all right
Ain't nothing but a party
Starchild here, citizens of the universe
I bring forth to you
The good time on the mothership

Are you hip? Sing, fellas
If you hear any noise
It's just me and the boys
Hit me, you gotta hit the band
If you hear any noise
It's just me and the boys
Hit me, you gotta hit the band

Starchild here, doin' it in 3-D
So good, it's good to me
Hit the band
If you hear any noise
It's just me and the boys
Hit me, you gotta hit the band

(Swing low, sweet chariot)
(Coming forth to carry you home)

If you hear any noise
It's just me and the boys
Hit me, hit the band

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“Mothership Connection (Starchild)”

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If you hear any noise
It's just me and the boys
Hit me, you gotta hit the band (2x)

Swing low, time to move on
Light years in time, ahead of our time
Free your mind and come fly with me
it's hip on the mothership groovin'
Swing down, sweet chariot
Stop and let me ride (3x)