



Swing low

An arrangement of the American folksong
for eight-part chorus (SSAATTBB)
and SATB soloists *a cappella*

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For Allison

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Swing low

Pendulously ♩ = 56

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Alto solo: *mf*

Solo

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Swing low, sweet cha - ri - ot, co - min' for to car - ry me

S

Low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low,

A

Low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low,

T

Low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low,

B

Low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low,

Solo

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home, swing low, sweet cha - ri - ot, co - min' for to car - ry me home.

S

low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low,

A

low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low,

T

low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low,

B

low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low, swing low,

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crescendo molto ed accelerando

crescendo molto ed accelerando

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swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, swing low sweet cha-ri-ot,

low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot,

Like a locomotive ♩ = 136

f Swing low, sweet cha-ri-ot, co-min' for to car-ry me home,

f swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, swing low sweet cha-ri-ot,

f low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot,

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S

A

T

B

swing low, sweet cha - ri - ot, co - min' for to car - ry me home.

8 stagger breathe (always)

swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, swing low sweet cha-ri-ot,

stagger breathe (always)

low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot,

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Solo

S

A

T

B

Bass solo: *mf*

I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,

p stagger breathe (always) *mf*

low, co-min' for to car - ry me

p stagger breathe (always) *mf*

low, co-min' for to car - ry me

8 *p* *mf*

swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low, take me, sweet cha - ri - ot,

p *mf*

low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low, take me, sweet cha - ri - ot,

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S A T B

A band of an - gels, co - min' af - ter me.

home, low, co - min' for to car - ry me

home, low, co - min' for to car - ry me

car - ry me home and swing low, take me, sweet cha - ri - ot,

car - ry me home and swing low, take me, sweet cha - ri - ot,

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

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Solo

S A T B

home. Swing low, sweet cha - - - riot,

home. Swing low, sweet cha - ri - ot, co - min' for to car - ry me

car - ry me home and swing, swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, swing low sweet cha - ri - ot,

car - ry me home and swing, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot,

f *f* *f* *f*

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Solo

S

A

T

B

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Musical staff for Solo (Bass clef), measures 35-38.

Musical staff for Soprano (S), measures 35-38. Lyrics: car - ry me home, sweet cha - - - riot, take me

Musical staff for Alto (A), measures 35-38. Lyrics: home, swing low, sweet cha - ri - ot, co - min' for to car - ry me

Musical staff for Tenor (T), measures 35-38. Lyrics: swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, swing low sweet cha - ri - ot,

Musical staff for Bass (B), measures 35-38. Lyrics: low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot,

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Solo

S

A

T

B

Tenor solo: *mf*

Musical staff for Solo (Bass clef), measures 39-42. Lyrics: If you get there be - fore I do,

Musical staff for Soprano (S), measures 39-42. Lyrics: home, home, low,

Musical staff for Alto (A), measures 39-42. Lyrics: home, home, low,

Musical staff for Tenor (T), measures 39-42. Lyrics: swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low,

Musical staff for Bass (B), measures 39-42. Lyrics: low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low swing low sweet cha - ri - ot, low,

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S Tell all my friends I'm co-min' too.

co-min' for to car-ry me home, low,

A co-min' for to car-ry me home, low,

T take me, sweet cha-ri-ot, car-ry me home and swing low,

B take me, sweet cha-ri-ot, car-ry me home and swing low,

mf *p*

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Solo

S co-min' for to car-ry me home. Swing low, sweet

A co-min' for to car-ry me home. Swing low, sweet cha-ri-ot,

T take me, sweet cha-ri-ot, car-ry me home and swing, swing low, sweet cha-ri-ot, swing low, sweet cha-ri-ot,

B take me, sweet cha-ri-ot, car-ry me home and swing, low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot, low swing low sweet cha-ri-ot,

mf *f*

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