

Read Me file for the African American Spirituals for Alto Kalimba Release

The Spirituals in this release will soon be included in a book, but for now I am putting them out as a download. This download includes the KTabS and PDF files for 21 African American Spirituals. Most of these songs have two files - the B arrangements are the basic melody, and some of these have a little harmony to get the beginner started on more advanced playing. The A arrangements are advanced versions of the songs, complete with harmony, sometimes full chords, and sometimes counterpoint. The two songs 'Tis Me O Lord and Wade in the Water have been written out in triplet notation, so when you play them in KTabS, they will have the right shuffle feel. However, usually these songs are written with a straight notation, with two eighth notes written. The BB arrangements for these two songs are written in the straight notation. So, when you see the other songs written in the straight notation, remember that you are free to shuffle or swing the feel of the song "as the spirit moves".

You can get a FREE copy of the KTabS Reader - ie, a program that will play the KTabS files on your Windows computer - at <http://ktabS.theirhouse.org>

KTabS - the Kalimba Tablature Software - is a wonderful program that will help you write your own kalimba music, or show you how to play music that other people have written with KTabS. The full version of the program is \$30, and the reader is free.

Jacob's Ladder	Alto_A		
EzekialSawTheWheel		Alto_B	
1 'Tis Me O Lord	Alto_A	Alto_B	Alto_BB (straight)
1 Wade In The Water	Alto_A	Alto_B	Alto_BB (straight) Alto_B2 (accomp.)
1 Balm in Gilead	Alto_A	Alto_B	
1 KumBaYa	Alto_A	Alto_B	
1 Nobody Knows the Trouble	Alto_A	Alto_B	
1 Swing Low Sweet Chariot	Alto_A	Alto_B	
1 Were You There	Alto_A	Alto_B	
2 Amazing Grace	Alto_A	Alto_B	
2 Children I'm Gonna Send The	Alto_A	Alto_B	
2 Do Lord	Alto_A	Alto_B	
2 Down By The Riverside	Alto_A	Alto_B	
2 Go Tell it on the Mountain	Alto_A	Alto_B	
2 He's Got the Whole World	Alto_A	Alto_B	
2 Hold On	Alto_A	Alto_B	
2 Mary Don't You Weep	Alto_A	Alto_B	
3 DanielInTheLionsDen	Alto_A	Alto_B	
3 Joshua Fought the Battle	Alto_A	Alto_B	
3 Go Down Moses	Alto_A	Alto_B	
3 This Little Light of Mine	Alto_A	Alto_B	

1, 2, and 3 refer to the approximate difficulty of the songs, though the A and B arrangements have different difficulties! This Little Light of Mine - B is one of the easiest songs in the collection, but the A arrangement is synchopated and very hard.

This is version 1.0 of the African American Spirituals release for the Alto Kalimba. New versions will become available in the coming months, and you will have three times you can download this ZIP file.

Blessings through the Holy Spirit which visits us in times of need
and times of prayer and leads us back to where we need to be.

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