

Lord, I Want More Religion

Pennsylvania Spiritual

for SATB Chorus and Solo Voice

collected by
SAMUEL BAYARD

arranged by
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Samuel Bayard was a distinguished historian and folklorist who collected folksongs in Pennsylvania and West Virginia in the middle of the 20th century. He was born in Pittsburgh in 1908, received an English degree from Penn State and a masters degree from Harvard University. He established the folklore program at Penn State, and taught there from 1945 to 1973 . He collected a variety of folk materials and he is best known for the collection of folk and dance tunes, *Dance to the Fiddle March to the Fife* published in 1982. He was greatly respected by his peers and was a member and president of The American Folklore Society. He died in 1997 in State College. His legacy continues in his publications and in the memory of his many devoted students.

Professor Bayard recorded this "Pennsylvania spiritual" in Greene County, PA in 1930. "Hiram H. White, who sang this characteristic spiritual to me, was the first traditional Pennsylvania singer I encountered, and one of the best." The song was included in Bayard's chapter, "The British Folk Tradition," in *Pennsylvania Songs and Legends*, edited by George Korson, and published in 1949.

The arrangement is dedicated to the beloved memory of David Hudson, a wonderful tenor who in the 1970s was a graduate student in voice at Penn State and served as the Assistant Director of the Glee Club. David sang the solo part in the premiere performances of the spiritual and can be heard on the Glee Club recordings of the spiritual. David also suggested the words to the second verse, since the original consisted only of the chorus and the first verse.

In memory of David Hudson, tenor

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Largo espressivo ♩ = 52

Solo

p

I _____ want more re - li - gion, Lord, I want more re -

li - gion, Lord, I want more re - li - gion to help me un - to God! I _____

want more re - li - gion, Lord, I want more re - li - gion, Lord, I want more re - li - gion to

Oo _____

Oo _____

pp

Oo _____

pp

Oo _____

pp (for rehearsal only)

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14 *mp*

help me un - to God! Re - li - gion makes me hap - py³ and then I want to

14

19 go to leave this world of sor - row and trou - ble here be - low. Re -

24

li - gion makes me hap - py³ and then I want to go to leave this world of

p

Ah

p

Ah

p

Ah

p

24 Ah

p

29

sor - row and trou - ble here be - low.

rit. *f a tempo*

Let me walk more like Je - sus, let me

rit. *f a tempo*

Let me walk more like Je - sus, let me

rit. *f a tempo*

Let me walk more like Je - sus, let me

rit. *f a tempo*

Let me walk more like Je - sus, let me

29

rit. *f*

34

walk more like Je - sus, let me walk more like Je - sus to help me un - to God. Ah

p

walk more like Je - sus, let me walk more like Je - sus to help me un - to God. Ah

p

walk more like Je - sus, let me walk more like Je - sus to help me un - to God. Ah

f

34

walk more like Je - sus, let me walk more like Je - sus to help me un - to God. I'm

p

f

39

Some - day He'll take me

Some - day He'll take me

Some - day He'll take me

Some - day He'll take me

39

walk - in' with my Lord in this ol' sin - ful world, Some - day He'll take me

44

mp a tempo

I want more re - li-gion, Lord, I want more re-

mp molto allarg.

home, and I'll walk with Him a - bove. Oo

mp molto allarg.

home, and I'll walk with Him a - bove. Oo

mp molto allarg.

home, and I'll walk with Him a - bove. Oo

mp molto allarg.

home, and I'll walk with Him a - bove. Oo

44

home, and I'll walk with Him a - bove. Oo

60 *poco rit.* *p* *a tempo* *sotto voce*

trou - ble here be - low. I want more re - li - gion, Lord, I want more re -

I want more re - li - gion, Lord, I want more re -

I want more re - li - gion, Lord, I want more re -

I want more re - li - gion, Lord, I want more re -

60 I want more re - li - gion, Lord, I want more re -

65 *pp* *rit. e dim.*

li - gion, Lord, I want more re - li - gion to help me un - to God!

li - gion, Lord, I want more re - li - gion to help me un - to God!

li - gion, Lord, I want more re - li - gion to help me un - to God!

li - gion, Lord, I want more re - li - gion to help me un - to God!

li - gion, Lord, I want more re - li - gion to help me un - to God!

65 *pp* *rit. e dim.*

li - gion, Lord, I want more re - li - gion to help me un - to God!