

I FEEL THE SPIRIT!

for 2-part voices, accompanied,
with descant*

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TRADITIONAL SPIRITUALS
Arranged by DON BESIG (ASCAP)

Slowly, freely

PART II

Slowly, freely

ACCOMP.

mf

5

With spirit! (♩ = ca. 112) *mf*

There's a

With spirit! (♩ = ca. 112)

⑨ PART I (2nd time only) *mf*

I've found the Spir - it, I'll nev - er let it go.

PART II (both times)

lit - tle wheel, lit - tle wheel, lit - tle wheel a - turn - in'; there's a

mp

* Descant may be performed by equal voices, a few voices, or C-Instrument. Also available for S.A.T.B. voices with descant (16139). Parts for 2 B♭ trumpets, 2 trombones, alto and tenor sax, bass, drums, triangle, mark tree, tambourine, electric guitar and director's score (16140) and a full performance (S.A.T.B./accompaniment CD (16141) are available separately.

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I've found the Spir - it, I need to let it show.
 lit - tle wheel, lit - tle wheel turn - in' in my heart. There's a

17

I've found the Spir - it, I want the world to know that the
 lit - tle wheel, lit - tle wheel, lit - tle wheel a - turn - in' 'cause the

21

Lord is in my
 Spir - it of the Lord is in my heart! There's a

2. *f* (27)

heart! Ev - 'ry time I feel the

heart! Ev - 'ry time I feel the

2. *mf*

Spir - it mov - in' in my heart,

Spir - it mov - in' in my

I sing with praise! Yes, ev - 'ry

heart, I sing right out with praise! Yes, ev - 'ry

35

time I _____ feel the Spir - it _____ mov - in'

time I feel the Spir - it mov - in'

39

in my heart, I sing with praise!

in my heart, I sing with praise!

42

mf

There's a

46 DESCANT (2nd & 3rd times)

mf-mp

Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____

PART I (3rd time only)

mf

I've found the Spir - it, I'll nev - er let it

PART II (3 times)

lit - tle song, lit - tle song, lit tle song a

46

mp

49

I'm sing - in' glo - ry, hal - le -

go, I've found the Spir - it, I

sing in'; there's a lit - tle song, lit - tle song

49

52

54

lu - jah! Glo -

need to let it show. I've found the

sing - in' in my heart. There's a lit - tle song,

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54

55

- ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Yes, the

Spir - it, I want the world to know that the

lit - tle song lit - tle song a - sing - in' 'cause the

55

58

1.

Spir - it is sing - in' in my

1.

Lord is in — my

mp

Spir - it of the Lord is in my heart! ————— There's a

58

1.

62

2.

heart! —————

(rejoin section)

heart! —————

2.

3.

f

heart! ————— Ev - 'ry

f

heart! ————— There's a heart! ————— Ev - 'ry

62

2.

3.

66

(PART I)

time I _____ feel the Spir - it _____ mov - in'

(PART II)

time I feel the Spir - it mov - in'

mf

70

in my heart, I sing with praise! Yes, ev - 'ry

in my heart, I sing right out with praise! Yes, ev - 'ry

74

time I _____ feel the Spir - it _____ mov - in'

time I feel the Spir - it mov - in'

78

in my heart, I sing with praise! _____

in my heart, I sing with praise! _____ *mf* There's a

82

mf There's a lit - tle song a - sing - in'; I can

lit - tle wheel a - turn - in'; I can

86

cresc. (opt. div.) feel the Spir - it mov - in' in my

cresc. feel the Spir - it mov - in' in my

cresc.

The image shows a musical score for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Piano. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The Soprano part begins with a dynamic marking of *f* and the lyrics "heart!". The Alto part begins with a dynamic marking of *ff* and the lyrics "I feel the Spir - it a - mov - in' in my heart!". The Piano part begins with a dynamic marking of *f* and provides harmonic accompaniment for the vocal parts. A large red watermark reading "Preview Only Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the score.

I Feel the Spirit! is a rousing combination of the traditional spirituals “Do, Lord” and “Every Time I Feel the Spirit,” inventively arranged with additional music and a joyous new text. It is appropriate for any time of the year, but may be especially effective for stewardship or evangelism services or for the Day of Pentecost. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Numbers 11: 24-30, Psalm 104: 24-34, John 7: 37-39 and 20: 19-23, Acts 2: 1-21, and 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13. One basic homiletical theme is the renewing ministry of the Holy Spirit.

This anthem is essentially a rousing partner song in which each voice part showcases lively tunes. Part I sings the familiar tunes “Do, Lord” and “Every Time I Feel the Spirit.” Part II sings an original spiritual tune that is paired with “Do, Lord,” then harmonizes with Part I on “Every Time I Feel the Spirit.” The Descant is an original “Glory, hallelujah!” that soars freely above Parts I and II. Any successful performance of a partner song requires that each part be both cleanly articulated and clearly heard. Thus, singers should avoid over-singing, performing their individual parts while listening for the others. Rehearse the entire anthem on staccato “doo” to improve rhythmic precision and cleanly define each part.

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