

# I Got A Key

For Full Chorus of Mixed Voices

with Tenor Solo

a cappella

Negro Spiritual

Arranged by  
Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

With great vigor *mf unis.*

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Oh yes.

*unis. f*

I got a key to thuh king - dom. — I got a key. Oh yes. I have a - now.

⑤

I got a key to thuh king - dom. — An' thuh worl' can't do me no harm. —

harm. — (M) —

Tenor Solo

⑩

Oh, if you know you're liv - in' right. — Serv - in' God. both night and day. — Then

*p marc.* *div.*

— Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, yes, oh yes, oh yes.

⑤

when you go down on yo' knees. God will hear ev - ry word you say. — Sing - in'

oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, yes! Sing - in'

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Soprano *mf*

I got a key to thuh king - dom. — I got a key. Oh

Alto *mf div.*

I got a key to thuh king - dom. — I got a key. Oh

Tenor *mf*

I got a key to thuh king - dom. — I got a key. Oh

Bass *mf div.*

I got a key to thuh king - dom. — I got a key. Oh

Piano *mf*  
(for rehearsal only)

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yes. I have a - now. — I got a key to thuh king - dom. — An'thuh

yes. I have! I got a key to thuh king - dom. — An'thuh

yes. I have a - now. — I got a key to thuh king - dom. — An'thuh

yes. I have! I got a key to thuh king - dom. — An'thuh

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Solo

Oh, git yo' trum - pet.

worl' can't do me no harm. —

Oh yes. —

worl' can't do no harm.

Oh yes. —

worl' can't do me no harm. —

Oh yes. —

worl' can't do no harm.

Oh yes. —

Oh yes.

Ga - b'l. — An — come down — on — the sea; — Now

Ga - b'l. — come down — on the sea; —

Ga - b'l. — come down — on the sea;

Ga - b'l. — come down — on the sea; Oh yes, oh yes,

Ga - b'l. — come down — on the sea;

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don't you sound yo' trum - pet. - 'Til you git or-dahs from me.

Oh no. oh no, don't blow.

Oh no. oh no, don't blow.

Oh no. oh no, don't blow.

Oh no. oh no, don't blow.

Oh no. oh no, don't blow.

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Sing-in!

Oh, hear me sing-in', I got a key to thuh king - dom.

Oh, hear me sing-in', I got a key to thuh king - dom.

Oh, hear me sing-in', I got a key to thuh king - dom.

Oh, hear me sing-in', I got a key to thuh king - dom.

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Oh yes. I do. I got a key to thuh

I got a key. Oh yes. I have a - now. I got a key to thuh

Oh yes. I do. I got a key to thuh

I got a key. Oh yes. I have a - now. I got a key to thuh

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40 Slower, confiding

Now,

king - dom. Won't do me no harm. (M)

king - dom. An'thuh worl' can't do me no harm. (M)

king - dom. Won't do me no harm. (M)

king dom. An'thuh worl' can't do me no harm. (M)

40 Slower, confiding

when I git to Hea-ven, I want you to be tha' too: An'

*mp*  
— (Humming) —

*div. mp*  
— (Humming) —

*mp*  
— (Humming) —

*mp*  
— (Humming) — Oh, I will be tha'

45 *a tempo*  
when I hol - lah, Hal - le - lu - jah, I want you to hol - lah too...

Hm. Oh yes Lord, — *f marc. di.*

Hm. Oh yes, Lord, — *f marc.*

Hm. Oh yes, Lord, — *f marc.*

Hm. Oh yes, Lord, — *f marc.*

45 *a tempo*  
*f marc.*





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king - dom. — An' thuh worl' can't do me no harm. —  
 lu - jah, — Oh, Hal - le - lu me no harm. —  
 lu - jah, — Oh, Hal - le - lu me no harm. —  
 lu - jah, — Oh, Hal - le - lu me no harm. —  
 lu - jah, — Oh, Hal - le - lu me no harm. — Oh, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

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*intensely*

Pray'r is thuh key — to thuh king - dom. — An' — faith — un - locks — thuh do'. —  
 Pray'r is thuh key — to thuh king - dom. Faith un - locks. —  
 Pray'r is thuh key — to thuh king - dom, Faith un - locks. —  
 Pray'r is thuh key — to thuh king - dom. Faith un - locks. —  
 lu - jah, — Hal - le - lu - jah, — Hal - le - lu - jah, A - - -



*poco rit.* *a tempo*

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If you got a key to Hea - v'n. You can un - locks thuh do'. If you got a key. A - men. un - locks thuh do'. If you got a key. A - men. un - locks thuh do'. If you got a key. A - men. men, A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

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*poco rit.* *a tempo*

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pray - ev - ry - where you go. Sing - in', I got a key to thuh Sing - in', I got a key to thuh Sing - in' - a, I got a key to thuh Sing - in', - sing - in', I got a key to thuh Sing - in'. sing - in', sing - in'. I got a key to thuh

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*cresc.*

king - dom. I got a key. Oh yes, I have a - now, -  
 Oh yes, I have a - now, -  
 king - dom. I got a key. Oh yes, I have a - now, -  
 king - dom. I got a key. Oh yes, I have a - now, -  
 king - dom. I got a key. Oh yes, I have a - now, -  
 king - dom. I got a key. Oh yes, I have a - now, -  
 king - dom. I got a key. Oh yes, I have a - now, -  
 king - dom. I got a key. Oh yes, I have a - now, -  
 king - dom. I got a key. Oh yes, I have a - now, -  
 king - dom. I got a key. Oh yes, I have a - now, -

*poco rit.* I got a key to thuh king - dom. *a tempo*  
*pp unis.*  
 I got a key to thuh king dom. An' thuh worl' can't do me no harm. -  
*pp unis.*  
 I got a key to thuh king - dom. An' thuh worl' can't do no harm.  
*pp unis.*  
 I got a key to thuh king - dom. An' thuh worl' can't do me no harm. -  
*pp*  
 I got a key to thuh king - dom. An' thuh worl' can't do no harm.  
*poco rit.*  
*pp*  
*a tempo*

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