

This West Indian spiritual differs rhythmically and melodically from those we are accustomed to. The patois and the way the English words are accented, gives it an unusual rhythmic quality. This is underlined by the fact that the West Indian musical tradition comes primarily from Spain and Portugal. A single bell that rings constantly and gently in the background supplies a distinctive and unexpected accompaniment.

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The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy

For Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices
With Bell (or Finger Cymbals)
a cappella

West Indian Spiritual
Arranged by Robert De Cormier

Moderato A *mp*

Soprano
The Vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by Boy, The

Alto
The Vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by Boy, The

Tenor

Bass

Bell (or finger cymbals)
4/4 Moderato continue until end.

Piano (for rehearsal only)



Vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by Boy, The Vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by Boy, An' they

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said that his name was Je - sus. He come_ from the glo - ry,

said that his name was Je - sus. He come_ from the glo - ry,

mp
He come
mp
He come

He come_ from the glo - ri - ous king - dom, He come_ from the glo - ry,

He come_ from the glo - ri - ous king - dom, He come_ from the glo - ry, He come

down (n) king - dom, He come_ from the glo - ry,

down (n) king - dom, He come_ from the glo - ry, He come

He come from the glo-ri-ous king-dom. Oh yes, be-lie-ver,

down (n) king-dom. Oh yes, be-lie-ver,

He come from the glo-ri-ous king-dom. Oh yes, be-lie-ver, Oh

down (n) king-dom. Oh yes, be-lie-ver, Oh

He come from the glo-ry. He come from the

He come from the glo-ry. He come from the

yes, be-lie-ver. He come down (n)

yes, be-lie-ver. He come down (n)

(B)

mf
 glo - ri - ous king - dom (m). _____ The wise men saw where the Ba - by was born, _ The
mf
 glo - ri - ous king - dom (m). _____ The wise men saw where the Ba - by was born, _ The
 king - dom (m). _____ He was hi - din' in the man - ger
mp
 king - dom (m). _____ He was hi - din' in the man - ger

(B)

_____ He was hi - din' in the man - ger

wise Men saw where the Ba - by was born, _ The Wise Men saw where the Ba - by was born, _ an' they
 Wise Men saw where the Ba - by was born, _ The Wise Men saw where the Ba - by was born (n), _
mf
 with the don - key and the sheep. _ Wise Men saw where the Ba - by was born, _ an' they
mf
 with the don - key and the sheep. _ Wise Men saw where the Ba - by was born (n), _

said that His name was Je - sus. He come

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said that His name was Je - sus. He come from the glo - ry,

said that His name was Je - sus. He come

down (n) the glo - ri - ous king - dom. He come

down (n) the glo - ri - ous king - dom. He come

He come from the glo - ri - ous king - dom. He come from the glo - ry,

down (n) the glo - ri - ous king - dom. He come

f
 down (n) _____ the glo - ri - ous king - dom. Oh yes, be - liev - er,
f
 down (n) _____ the glo - ri - ous king - dom. Oh yes, be - liev - er,
f *p*
 He come _ from the glo - ri - ous king - dom. Oh yes, be - liev - er, Oh
f *p*
 down (n) _____ the glo - ri - ous king - dom. Oh yes, be - liev - er, Oh

mp
 He come _ from the glo - ry, He come _ from the
mp
 He come _ from the glo - ry, He come _ from the
mp
 yes, be - liev - er, He come down (n)
mp
 yes, be - liev - er, He come down (n)

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glo - ri - ous king - dom (m). The an - gels sang so

glo - ri - ous king - dom (m). The an - gels sang so

king - dom (m). The an - gels sang when the Ba - by was born, The

king - dom (m). Hear the an - gels sing the cho - rus,

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sweet that night, The an - gels sang a - when the

sweet that night, The an - gels sang a - when the

an - gels sang when the Ba - by was born, The an - gels sang a - when the

Hear the an - gels sing the Ba - by, The an - gels sang a - when the

Ba - by was born, _ An' they said that His name was Je - sus. He come _ from the

Ba - by was born, _ An' they said that His name was Je - sus. He come _ from the

Ba - by was born, _ An' they said that His name was Je - sus.

Ba - by was born, _ An' they said that His name was Je - sus.

glo - ry, He come _ from the glo - ri - ous king - dom, He come _ from the

glo - ry, He come _ from the glo - ri - ous king - dom, He come _ from the

He come down (n) king - dom. He come _ from the

He come down (n) king - dom. He come _ from the

glo - ry, He come from the glo - ri - ous king - dom. Oh *f*

glo - ry, He come down (n) king - dom. Oh *f*

glo - ry, He come from the glo - ri - ous king - dom. Oh *f*

glo - ry, He come down (n) king - dom. Oh *f*

yes, be - liev - er, He come from the

yes, be - liev - er He come from the

yes, be - liev - er, Oh yes, be - liev - er. *p*

yes, be - liev - er, Oh yes, be - liev - er.

glo - ry, He come from the glo - ri - ous king - dom (m). The

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He come ___ from the glo - ry, He come ___ from the glo - ri - ous king - dom,

He come down (n) _____ the glo - ri - ous king - dom,

He come down (n) _____ the glo - ri - ous king - dom.

He come down (n) _____ the glo - ri - ous king - dom.

He come from the glo - ry, He come from the glo - ri - ous king - dom.

He come down (n) _____ the glo - ri - ous king - dom.

f Oh yes, be - liev - er.

f Oh yes, be - liev - er.

f Oh yes, be - liev - er. *p* Oh yes, be - liev - er.

f Oh yes, be - liev - er. *p* Oh yes, be - liev - er.

mp
He come__from the glo - ry, He come__from the glo - ri - ous king - dom(m).
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He come__from the glo - ry, He come__from the glo - ri - ous king - dom(m).
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