

To my brother, Troy

Hold On!

For SSAATTBB Chorus, a cappella*

Negro Spiritual

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Molto allegro $\text{♩} = 80$

Soprano *f* Keep — yo' — han' *f* Hold on, hold

Alto on - a da plow. Hold on, hold

Tenor *f* Keep — yo' — han' *div.* Hold on, hold,

Bass *f* on - a da plow. Hold on, hold, *div.*

Keyboard (for rehearsal only) *f* *Molto allegro* $\text{♩} = 80$

*To be sung in *f#* minor always

5 *mf* on!

5 *mf* on!

8 *mf* Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

5 *mf* Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

5 *mf*

3pt ♀

8 *div.*

1. No - ra, No - ra, let me come in, De do's all
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mp

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

mp

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8 *mp*

11 *unis. (mf)*

fast - ened an' de win-da's pinned. Keep yo' han' on - a da
 straight an' keep - a look - in' back." (*mf*)

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 straight an' keep - a look - in' back." *mf T div*

Hold on! Hold on. Keep yo' han' on - a da

mf unis.

Hold on! Hold on. Keep yo' han' on - a da

11

* no breath

14

1. 2. *div.* *f* Hold

plow. Hold on, hold on! on!

plow. Hold on, hold on! on!

8 plow. Hold on, hold, Hold on! Hold on!

plow. Hold on, hold, Hold on! Hold on!

14

1. 2. *f*

18 on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on! You jus' got - ta

Hold on! Hold on! You jus' got - ta

8 Hold on! Hold on! Hold on! You jus' got - ta

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on! You jus' got - ta

18

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on! You jus' got - ta

21 *unis.*
 hold on! Keep — yo' — han' on - a da plow. Hold on, hold, —
unis. hold on! Keep — yo' — han' on - a da plow. Hold — on, hold, — *div.*
 8 hold on! Keep — yo' — han' on - a da plow. — Hold on, — hold — *unis.*
 hold on! Keep — yo' — han' on - a da plow. Hold on, hold *unis.*

21
 Musical accompaniment for the first system, including piano and bass staves.

25 *div.*
 Hold — on! Hold — on! Hold — on! Hold — on!
 Hold — on! Hold — on! Hold — on! Hold — on!
 8 on!
div.
 on!

25
 Musical accompaniment for the second system, including piano and bass staves.

29

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

div. f marcato

If you wan-na get to

f marcato

If you wan-na get to

29

f marcato

32

sub p

hea-ven, let me tell you how; Jus' keep yo' han' on de Gos-pel plow.—

hea-ven, let me tell you how; Jus' keep yo' han' on de Gos-pel plow.—

32

35

Keep yo' han' on - a da plow. Hold on, hold

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35

* Bass I divide

39

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

on! If dat plow stay in yo' han,'

on! If dat plow stay in yo' han,'

39

mp

f marcato

43

it will lan' you straight in de Pro-mis'd lan'. Keep yo' han'.

it will lan' you straight in de Pro-mis'd lan'. Keep yo' han'.

43

46

on - a da plow. Hold on, hold, Hold on.

on - a da plow. Hold on, hold, Hold on.

46

on!

Hold on!

50

f *52* *f* *un.* *div.*

Hold on! Hold on! You jus' got - ta

Hold on! Hold on! You jus' got - ta

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on! You jus' got - ta

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on! You jus' got - ta

53

un. *un.* *un.* *div.*

hold on! Keep yo' han' on - a da plow. Hold on, hold

hold on! Keep yo' han' on - a da plow. Hold on, hold

hold on! Keep yo' han' on - a da plow. Hold on, hold

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57 *mp* *mf div. cresc. poco a poco*

on! *mp* Hold *mf* on! *cresc. poco a poco div.*

on! *mp* *cresc. poco a poco* Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

Hold *mp* *cresc. poco a poco* on! Hold on! Hold on!

57 *mp* *mf*

60

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

60

close to N

63

ff Quickly

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!

63

ff Quickly

66

Hold on! *Molto rit.*

Hold on! Jus' hold on!

Hold on! Jus' hold on!

Hold on! Jus' hold on!

Hold on! Jus' hold on!

66

Molto rit.