

Performance Notes

- Aim for an earthy and full-bodied tone.
- Some of the rhythms don't match up exactly, and that's okay! It's supposed to feel organic.
- When thigh slaps and claps come in, make it gradual. Start with a few singers and let it inspire others around them to start.
- Keep the narrative in mind (see the program notes), and have fun!

Program Notes

Paul John Rudoi's arrangement of *Yonder Come Day* deepens the traditional Georgia Sea Islands tune with a narrative journey. Through other well known spirituals, including *Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name*, *Steal Away*, and *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, we move forward and upward, hoping for a better day.

Lyrics

Oh day, yonder come day.
Day done broke inna my soul, yonder come day.
Good mornin' day, yonder come day.
A brand new day, yonder come day.
Oh come on child,

Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Oh my Lord, oh my Lord what shall I do?

Oh day, yonder come day.
I was on my knees, yonder come day.
When I heard him say, yonder come day.
Oh come on child,

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away, I ain't got long to stay here.
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.
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Yonder Come Day

for Tenor Solo, TTBB Chorus unaccompanied


Traditional Georgia Sea Islands Text


Traditional Georgia Sea Islands Melody

Arranged by Paul John Rudoi

Allegro, full of joy

mf solo


Bass 1  *tutti*

Bass 2 

O day, yon - der come day. Oh day, yon -

2 

- der come day. Oh day, yon - der come day.

4  *mf* *add Tambourine*

in my soul, Day done broke in - na my soul, yon - der come day. Yon -

Good morn-in' day, yon -

6 

- der come day. Yon - der come day. Yon -

- der come day. Morn - in' day, yon - der come day. Morn - in' day, yon -

Brand new day, Brand new day,

8

in my soul,

- der come day. Day done broke in - na my soul, yon -

Day done broke

- der come day. in na my soul.

10

1. 2.

- der come day. — Yon - der come day. —

A brand new day, yon - Oh come on child,

12

Tambourine on eighth offbeats

p

B 1

B 2

hush, hush, some - bo - dy's call - in' my name.

14

Hush, some - bo - dy's call - in my name. —

16

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Hush, hush, some - bo - dy's call - in my name. (m) —

some - bo - dy's call - in' my name. Oh my

Hush, hush, some - bo - dy's call - in' my name. (m) —

18 *Tambourine full* *mf*

What shall I do? Yon -
 Lord, oh my Lord what shall I do? — Oh day,
 What shall I do? Yon -

20

- der come day. Yon - der come day. Yon -
 - der come day. Oh — day, yon - der come day. Oh — day, yon -
 On my knees, Heard him say, On my knees, Heard him say,

22

- der come day. Day done broke in - na my soul, yon -
 - der come day. Day done broke in - na my soul,

24

- der come day. — Yon - der come day. —
 I was on my knees, yon - Oh come on child,
 When I heard him say, yon -

1. Tambourine on eighth offbeats;
2. Tambourine full, add thigh slaps

26

1. *p*; 2. *mf*

Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je - sus.

B 2 - sing 2nd time only
1. *p*; 2. *mf*

steal — a-way, steal — a-way, steal — a-way to Je - sus.

30

Steal a-way, steal a-way, I ain't got long to stay here.
stay here.

Steal — a-way, steal — a-way, I ain't got long to

34

2. *f solo*

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-in' for to car-ry me

stay here. Steal — a-way, steal — a-way, steal — a-way to

stay here. Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to

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home. Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-in' for to car-ry me

Je - sus. Steal a-way, steal a-way, I ain't got long to

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*Tutti clap; soloist improvise to m. 51,
add other improvising as desired*

42 *f*

home. *f*

stay here. Yon - der come day. Yon -

Oh day, yon - der come day. *f*

stay here. Yon - der come day. Oh day, yon -
Morn - in' day, -
Brand new day, -

44

- der come day. Yon - der come day.

- der come day. Oh day, yon - der come day.
Morn - in' day,
Brand new day,

46

in my soul, |1.2. Day done broke in - na my soul, yon - der come day. - Yon -

Day done broke in - na my soul. Good morn - in' day, yon -
A brand new day, yon -

48 |3.

- der come day. - Yon - der come day. Yon -

Oh come on child, yon - der come day. Come on child, yon -

Tambourine
& claps out

50

- der come day. Yon - der come day.

- der come day. Come on child, yon - der come day.

52

Slower

Day done broke in - na my soul, yon - der come day.

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ca. 3'30"

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