

By an' by

130 a

Spiritual
Arr.: Gwyn Arch

Gently optimistic (♩ = c.100)

Swingig

Soprano *mp*
Oh

Alto *p*
By an' by, oh by an' by, gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

Tenor *p*
By an' by I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

Bass *p*
By an' by, oh by an' by, gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

* for rehearsal only

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by an' by, by an' by I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load. 1. Oh
2. I

By an' by, oh by an' by, gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

By an' by I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

By an' by, oh by an' by, gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

* This keyboard reduction of the vocal parts could be used as an accompaniment if necessary.
An alternative could be for the keyboard to reinforce the 'verse' sections (i.e. bars 9-10, 13-14, 21-22 etc.),
allowing the choir to sing the rest unaccompanied.

9 *mf* know my robe's gon - na fit me well, — I'm gon - na lay down my heav - y load... I *p* *mf* Know my robe will fit me well. Gon - na lay down... my heav - y load... *p* *mf* Know my robe will fit me well. Gon - na lay down... my heav - y load... *p* *mf* Know my robe will fit me well. Gon - na lay down... my heav - y load...

13 *mf* tried it on at the gates of Hell, — I'm gon - na lay down my heav - y load... Oh *p* *mf* Tried it at the gates of Hell, — Gon - na lay down... my heav - y load... *p* *mf* Tried it at the gates of Hell, — Gon - na lay down... my heav - y load... *p* *mf* Tried it at the gates of Hell, — Gon - na lay down... my heav - y load...

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mf optional descant on repeat

By an' by, by an' by, I'll lay down my heav-y load.

by an' by, by an' by, I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load. Oh

By an' by, oh by an' by, gon-na lay down my heav-y load. Oh

By an' by I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load. Oh

By an' by, oh by an' by, gon-na lay down my heav-y load. Oh

(2nd time)

(2nd time)

(2nd time)

(2nd time)

(2nd time)

(2nd time)

21

Hell is deep and dark des - pair. I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

Hell is deep and dark des - pair. Gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

Hell is deep and dark des - pair. Gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

Hell is deep and dark des - pair. Gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

f *p* *f* *p*

25 *ff* *molto rit.* *a tempo* *p*

Stop! poor sin - ner. Don't go there. I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load. O

Stop! poor sin - ner. Don't go there. Gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

Stop! poor sin - ner. Don't go there. Lay down my heav-y load.

Stop! poor sin - ner. Don't go there. Gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

29 *optional descant on repeat*

By an' by, by an' by, Lay down my heav - y load.

by an' by, by an' by I'm gon - na lay down my heav - y load.

By an' by, oh by an' by, gon - na lay down my heav - y load.

By an' by I'm gon - na lay down my heav - y load.

By an' by, oh by an' by, gon - na lay down my heav - y load.

33

f

One fine morn-ing, bright and fair, — I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load. — I'll

f

One fine morn-ing, bright and fair, — gon-na lay down_ my heav-y load. — I'll

f

One fine morn-ing, bright and fair, — gon-na lay down_ my heav-y load. — I'll

f

One fine morn-ing, bright and fair, — gon-na lay down_ my heav-y load. — I'll

37

cresc.

take my wings and cleave_ the air. — I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load. — *P* O

cresc.

take_ my_ wings and cleave the air. Gon-na lay down_ my heav-y load. —

cresc.

take my wings and cleave' the air. Lay down_ my heav-y load. —

cresc.

take_ my_ wings and cleave_ the air. Gon-na lay down_ my heav-y load. —

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by an' by, by an' by I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load. Oh

By an' by, oh by an' by, gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

By an' by I'm gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

By an' by, oh by an' by, gon-na lay down my heav-y load.

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pp **molto rit.**

heav-y load.. I'm gon - na lay down my heav - y load.. I'm gon - na lay down my heav - y load.

heav-y load.. Gon-na lay down my heav - y load.. Gon-na lay down my heav - y load.

heav-y load.. Gon-na lay down my heav - y load.. Gon-na lay down my heav - y load.

heav-y load.. Gon-na lay down my heav - y load.. Gon-na lay down my heav - y load.