

# Lay down

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♩ = 84 Gospel

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S. *f* Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

A. *f* Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

T. *f* Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

B. *f* Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

Piano *f*

8<sup>vb</sup>

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solo I *f* Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

s. *f* ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

a. *f* ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

t. *f* ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

b. *f* ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

Piano *f*

(8<sup>vb</sup>)

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B

mp We were so close there was  
 ones who stand and frown We were so close there was  
 ones who stand and frown ooh  
 ones who stand and frown ooh  
 ones who stand and frown ooh  
 ones who stand and frown ooh  
 ones who stand and frown ooh

mp

(8th)-----

13

no room We bled in-side each oth-er's wounds We all had caught the same  
 no room We bled in-side each oth-er's wounds We all had caught the same  
 ooh ooh  
 ooh ooh  
 ooh ooh  
 ooh ooh

17

solo II. *dis - ease And we all sang the songs of peace*

solo I *dis - ease And we all sang the songs of peace*

s. *ooh*

a. *ooh*

t. *ooh*

b. *ooh*

*Sub*-----

21

*f*

s. *f Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown*

a. *f Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown*

t. *f Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown*

b. *Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown*

*f*

*(Sub)*-----

25

solo I  
 Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and  
 s.  
 Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and  
 a.  
 Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and  
 t.  
 Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and  
 b.  
 Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and  
 (8<sup>th</sup>)

29

solo I  
 frown So\_\_ raise\_\_ the can\_\_ dles high\_\_ 'cause if you  
 s.  
 frown  
 a.  
 frown  
 t.  
 frown  
 b.  
 frown  
 mp  
 (8<sup>th</sup>)

33

solo I

don't We could stay black a - gainst the night Oh\_\_\_\_\_ raise them high - er a - gain\_ And\_ if you

37

solo I

do we could stay dry a-against the rain\_\_\_\_\_

*f*

s.

*f* Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your

a.

*f* Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your

t.

*f* Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your

b.

Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your

*f*

*f*

8<sup>th</sup>

41

solo I  
 Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your  
 s.  
 white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your  
 a.  
 white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your  
 t.  
 white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your  
 b.  
 white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your

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45

solo II. *mp*  
 solo I *mp* We were— so  
 s.  
 white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown We were— so  
 a.  
 white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown  
 t.  
 white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown ooh—  
 b.  
 white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown

*mp*

(8<sup>vb</sup>)-----

49 B

solo II. *pp* close there was no room We bled in - side each oth - er's wounds We all  
 solo I *pp* close there was no room We bled in - side each oth - er's wounds We all  
 s. *pp* ooh ooh  
 a. *pp* ooh ooh  
 t. *pp* ooh ooh  
 b. *pp* ooh ooh

53

solo II. had caught the same dis - ease And we all sang the songs of peace Some came  
 solo I had caught the same dis - ease And we all sang the songs of peace Some came  
 s. ooh ooh  
 a. ooh ooh  
 t. ooh  
 b. ooh ooh

57

solo II. *to sing, some came\_\_ to pray Some came\_\_ to keep the dark\_\_ a-way*  
 solo I *to sing, some came\_\_ to pray Some came\_\_ to keep the dark\_\_ a-way*  
 s. *ah* *ah*  
 a. *ah* *ah*  
 t. *ah* *ah*  
 b. *ah* *ah*

61

solo I *f So\_\_ raise the can\_\_- dles high\_\_ 'cause if you don't We could stay black a-against the*  
 s. *f raise up high*  
 a. *f raise up high*  
 t. *f raise up high*  
 b. *f raise up high*



65

solo I — sky — Oh oh raise high - er a - gain — And — if you do we could stay dry a - gainst the  
 s. raise up high  
 a. raise up high  
 t. raise up high  
 b. raise up high

69

Claps on 2 and 4

solo I — rain — Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the  
 s. Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the  
 a. Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the  
 t. Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the  
 b. Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

73

musical score for measures 73-76, featuring vocal parts (solo II, solo I, s., a., t., b.) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ones who stand and you got-ta Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the".

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77

musical score for measures 77-80, featuring vocal parts (solo I, s., a., t., b.) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ones who stand and frown you got-ta Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the". A performance instruction "add octave higher" is present above the solo I part.

(8<sup>th</sup>)

81

solo I  
 ones who stand and you got-ta Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the  
 s.  
 ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the  
 a.  
 ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the  
 t.  
 ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the  
 b.  
 ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down Let your white birds a-smile-uh At the

(8<sup>vb</sup>)

85

solo I  
 ones who stand and you got - ta Lay down lay down lay it all down  
 s.  
 ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down  
 a.  
 ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down  
 t.  
 ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down  
 b.  
 ones who stand and frown Lay down lay down lay it all down

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