

We Shall Overcome

A medley of four songs about hope and resilience from the American Tradition. Sing the songs one after the other.

1. BRING ME LITTLE WATER SYLVIE

♩=100 Gentle swing

Credited to Leadbelly (Huddie Ledbetter)

D



CHORUS

5 *mp* D A7

Bring me lit - lte wa - ter Syl - vie___ Bring me lit - lte wa - ter now___

9 D G D G/A D

Bring me lit - lte wa - ter Syl vie___ ev - 'ry lit - tle once in a while___

VERSE

13 D G

Syl - vie Syl - vie I'm so hot and dry___

17 D A A7

Syl - vie Syl - vie can't_ you hear can't_ you hear me cal - lin'?"

CHORUS

21 D A7

Bring me lit - lte wa - ter Syl - vie___ Bring me lit - lte wa - ter now___

25 D G D G/A D

Bring me lit - lte wa - ter Syl vie___ ev - 'ry lit - tle once in a while___

2. HEY LALLY LALLY

Square Dancing Song from The Bahamas
collected by Alan Lomax in 1935 and mentioned in his book "Our Singing Country"
adapted by Penny Stone

$\text{♩} = 100$ Upbeat - stride piano

29 **D**



33 *mf* **D** **A⁷**



Hey lal - ly lal - ly lal - ly hey lal - ly lal - ly - lo__

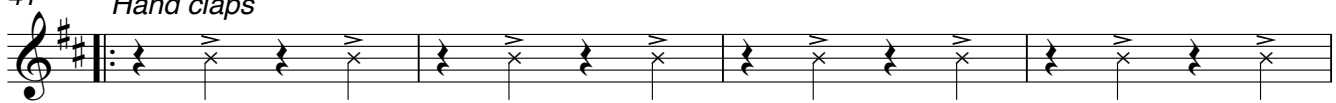
37 **D**



hey lal - ly lal - ly lal - ly hey lal - ly lal - ly - lo__

PIANO SOLO

41 *Hand claps*



45




49 *Keep clapping!* **D** **A⁷**



Hey lal - ly lal - ly lal - ly hey lal - ly lal - ly - lo__

53 **1. D** **2. D B^b7**



hey lal - ly lal - ly lal - ly hey lal - ly lal - ly - lo__ lal - ly - lo__

3. BETTER TIMES

♩=100 GOSPEL ROCK

Music and lyrics by Janis Ian

58 E_b *mf*

Bet - ter

CHORUS

62 E_b C_m A_b

times bet-ter times will come bet-ter times bet - ter

Harmony 2nd time

bet - ter times bet - ter

65 E_b E_b B_b A_b

times will come When this world learns to live as one

times When this world learns to live as one

68 E_b B_b E_b E_b

oh bet-ter times will come bet-ter come When we

oh bet-ter times will come come

VERSE

71 **Bb** **Eb** **Bb**

greet each dawn with-out fear know-ing loved ones soon will be

74 **Eb** **Ab** **Eb** **Ab**

near when the winds of war can-not blow a-ny more

77 **Eb** **Bb** **Eb**

Oh bet-ter times will come Bet-ter

CHORUS

79 **Eb** **Cm** **Ab** **Eb**

times bet-ter times will come bet-ter times bet-ter times will come

bet-ter times bet-ter times

bet-ter times bet-ter times

83 **Eb** **Bb** **Ab** **Eb** **Bb**

When this world learns to live as one oh bet-ter times will

When this world learns to live as one oh bet-ter times will

When this world learns to live as one oh bet-ter times will

4. WE SHALL OVERCOME

USA civil rights song
Adapted by Zilphia Horton, Frank Hamilton, Guy Carawan & Pete Seeger
from the Southern Gospel song "I'll overcome Someday"

♩=100

86 Eb Ab/Eb Absus² Ab/Eb Eb Ab/Eb Absus² Ab/Eb Eb

come

come

90 Ab Db Ab Bbm Ab Ab Db Ab Bbm

We shall o - ver - come we shall o - ver - come

Harmony

We shall o - ver - come we shall o - ver - come

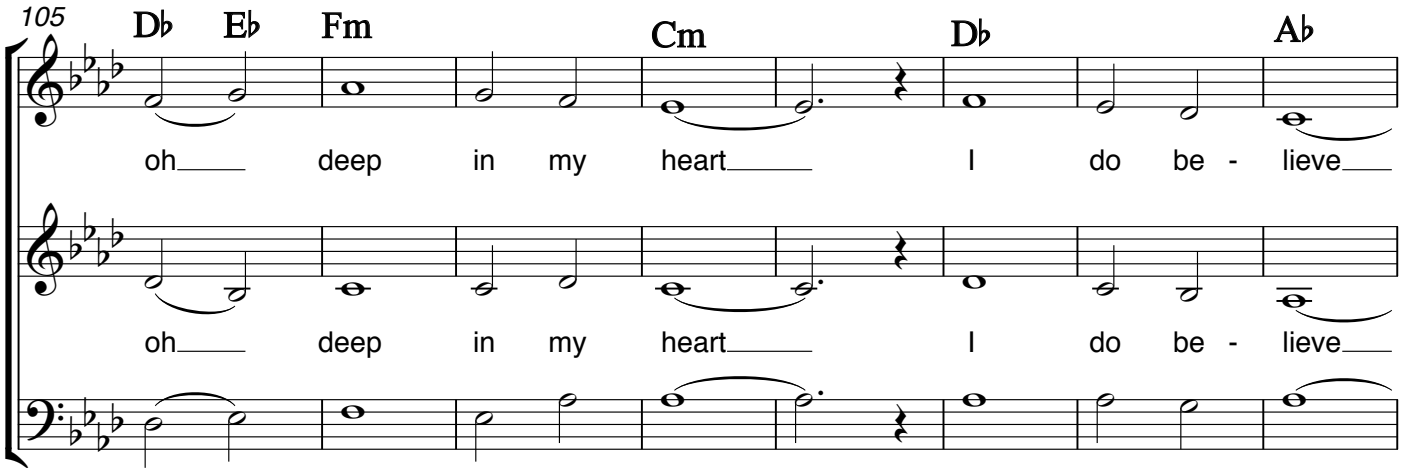
Harmony

97 Ab Ab Db Fm⁷ Bb⁷ Eb

we shall o - ver - come some day

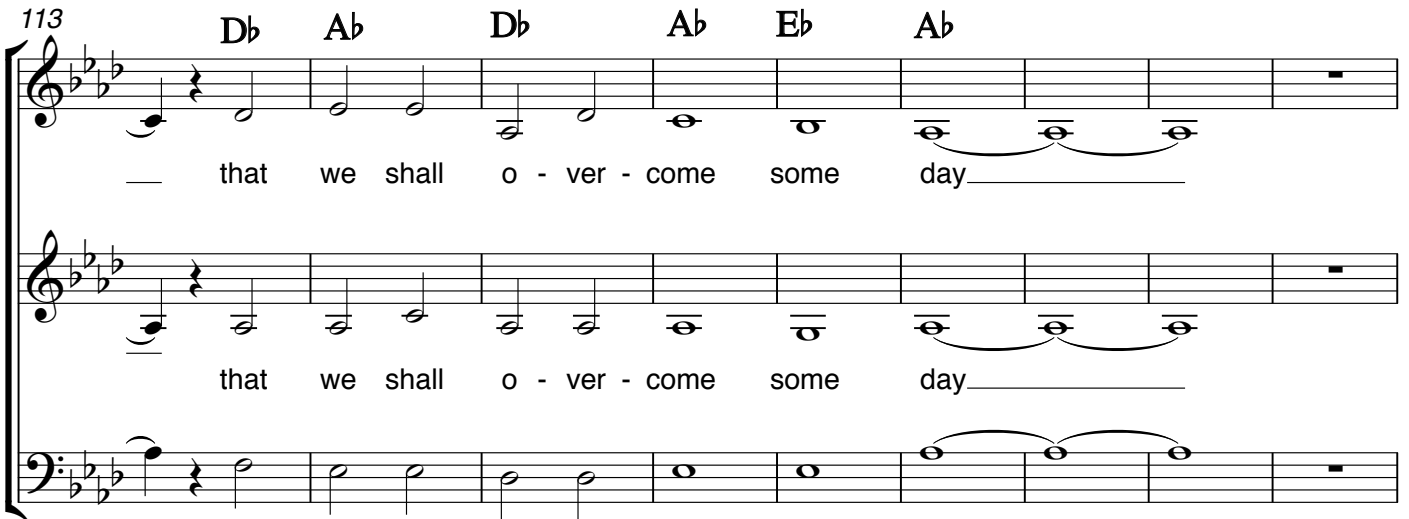
we shall o - ver - come some day

105 **Db Eb Fm Cm Db Ab**




oh deep in my heart I do believe

113 **Db Ab Db Ab Eb Ab**



that we shall overcome some day

122 **Ab Db Ab Eb Ab** *poco rit.*



we shall overcome some day