

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 16, 2011

3 SENATE BILL NO. 73

By: Eason McIntyre of the
Senate

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8 An Act relating to the state gospel song; declaring
9 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" as the official state
10 gospel song; designating official depository;
stipulating words to song; and providing an effective
date.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 94.11 of Title 25, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The official state gospel song of the State of Oklahoma is
18 hereby declared to be the words of the song "Swing Low, Sweet
19 Chariot", composed and written by Wallis Willis, a Choctaw freedman
20 living in Indian Territory before 1862.

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 94.12 of Title 25, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 The State Library shall be the official depository of the
2 official Oklahoma State Gospel Song, and the State Librarian shall
3 cause a copy thereof to be kept in the State Library.

4 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 94.13 of Title 25, unless there
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 The words to the Oklahoma State Gospel Song, "Swing Low, Sweet
8 Chariot", words by Wallis Willis, are as follows:

9 Swing low, sweet chariot,
10 Coming for to carry me home,
11 Swing low, sweet chariot;
12 Comin' for to carry me home.

13 I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
14 Comin' for to carry me home,
15 A band of angels comin' after me,
16 Comin' for to carry me home.

17 Swing low, sweet chariot,
18 Comin' for to carry me home,
19 Swing low, sweet chariot,
20 Comin' for to carry me home.

21 If you get there before I do,
22 Comin' for to carry me home,
23 Tell all my friends I'm comin' too,
24 Comin' for to carry me home.

25 Swing low, sweet chariot,
26 Comin' for to carry me home,
27 Swing low, sweet chariot,
28 Comin' for to carry me home.

29 I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,
30 Comin' for to carry me home,
31 But still my soul feels heavenly bound,
32 Comin' for to carry me home.

33 Swing low, sweet chariot,

1 Comin' for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot,
2 Comin' for to carry me home.

3 The brightest day that I can say,
Comin' for to carry me home,
4 When Jesus washed my sins away,
Comin' for to carry me home.

5 Swing low, sweet chariot,
6 Comin' for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot,
7 Comin' for to carry me home.

8 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-14-11
- DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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