

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 73

By: Eason McIntyre and Ellis of
the Senate

and

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House

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

SUBJECT: State Gospel Song

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

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

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

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 94.12 of Title 25, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Library shall be the official depository of the
official Oklahoma State Gospel Song, and the State Librarian shall
cause a copy thereof to be kept in the State Library.

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

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

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot;
Comin' for to carry me home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 24th day of February, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives