


In memory of Martin Hook (1952-2016)

I Want To Be Ready

For SATB Choir and Piano

Traditional Spiritual
arranged by HOWARD HELVEY
(ASCAP)

Moderato espressivo ♩ = ca. 92



mp *sempre legato*

1 2 3 4

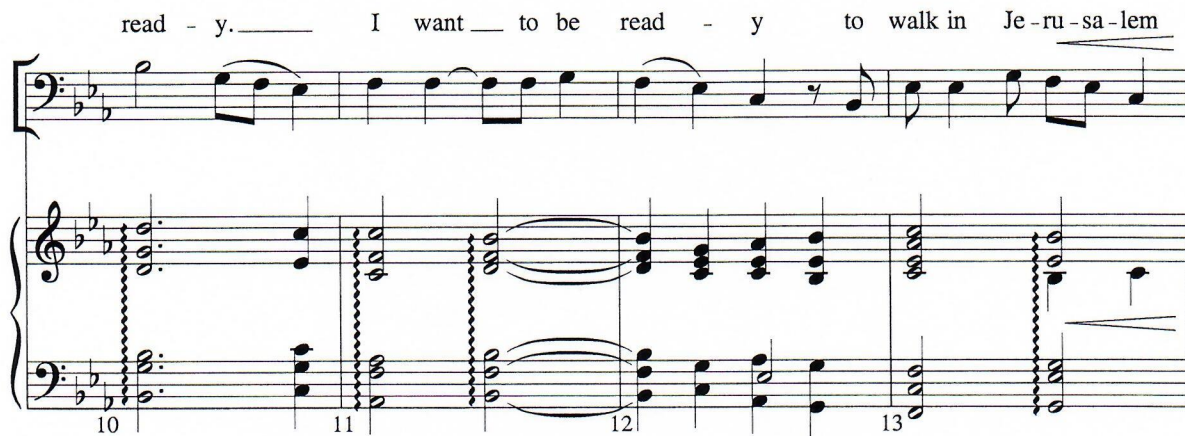
The piano introduction consists of four measures. The right hand plays a series of chords, while the left hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The tempo is Moderato espressivo at approximately 92 beats per minute.



Baritone solo or TB unis. *p* I want__ to be read - y, I want__ to be

5 6 7 8 9

The first vocal line is for Baritone solo or Tenor Bass unison, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand.



read - y._____ I want__ to be read - y to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem

10 11 12 13

The second vocal line continues the melody, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords and eighth-note patterns.

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poco rit. *a tempo*
SA *mp*

just like John. I want to be read - y, I want to be

poco rit. *a tempo*
div. mp

(tutti)
a tempo
mp

poco rit.

14 15 16 17

p

read - y, I want to be read - y to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem

p

p

18 19 20 21

poco rit. *mp a tempo*

just like John.

poco rit. *mp a tempo* *unis. p*

John

poco rit. *mp a tempo*

22 23 24 25 26

unis. P

Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem

said the cit - y was just four - square.

27 28 29

just like John. Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem

And he de - clared he'd meet me there.

30 31 32 33

mp

just like John. I want to be read

mp

Oh I want to be read - y, I want to be

34 35 36 37

unis. y, to be read - y to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem -
read - y. I want to be read - y

38 39 40 41

poco rit. *p a tempo* just like John.
poco rit. *p a tempo*

42 43 44 45

p Oh, John, oh, John, what do you say?
p Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem

46 47 48 49

unis.
I want _____ to be read - y to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem

unis.

60 61 62

rall. *f a tempo*
just _____ like John. _____

rall. *f a tempo*

63 64 65 66

poco rit. *mf* *Poco meno mosso* ♩ = ca. 80
I want to be read - y

poco rit. *mf* *Poco meno mosso* ♩ = ca. 80
read - y

67 68 69 70

rall. *unis.* *mp* *a tempo*

to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem, to

rall. *a tempo* *mp*

walk in Je - ru - sa - lem

rall. *a tempo* *mp*

71 4 72 73

molto rit. *p molto lentamente*

walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like

molto rit. *p molto lentamente*

molto lentamente

molto rit. *p*

74 75 76

a tempo unis. *(poco)* *molto rit.*

John.

a tempo unis. *(poco)* *molto rit.*

a tempo *molto rit.*

77 78 79 80

8va