

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 73

By: Eason McIntyre and Ellis of  
the Senate

and

Shumate and Pittman of the  
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.

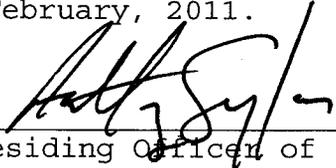
Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Comin' for to carry me home,  
Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Comin' for to carry me home.

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.

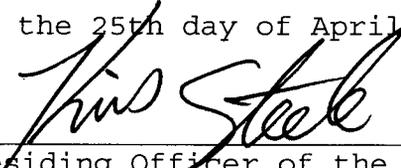
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SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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

  
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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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

  
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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Governor this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 20 11,  
at 5:20 o'clock P.M.

By: Jessie B. Payne

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 20 11, at 8:12 o'clock P.M.

Mary Fallin  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this \_\_\_\_\_  
26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 20 11,  
at 1:09 o'clock P.M.

By: Michelle R. Day