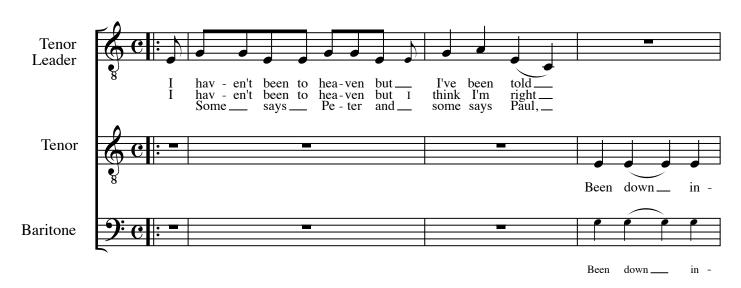
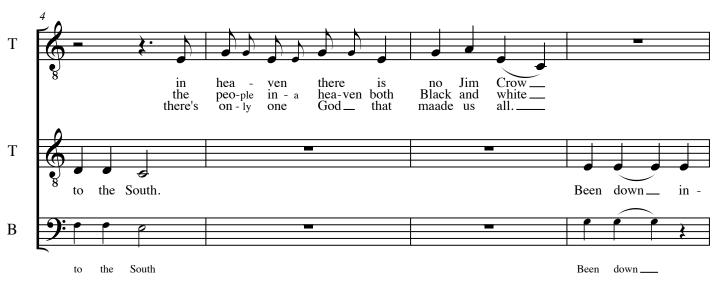
Been Down Into the South

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Adaptation of a traditional somg by SNCC's Bob Zellner

Taught to the Freedom Summer '08 group by Hollis Watkins of *Southern Echo*, *Inc.*





More verses:

I want to go to heaven but I want to go right I don't want to go without my civil rights

Segregation is chilly and cold Chills my body but not my soul

Freedom sounds so mighty sweet Soon one day we're gonna meet

I been knockin' on doors and spreadin' the news And gettin' big holes in the bottom of my shoes

Yes I've got big holes in the bottom of my shoes But this is one battle that we can't lose If you don't think I've been to hell Just follow me down to Parchman jail

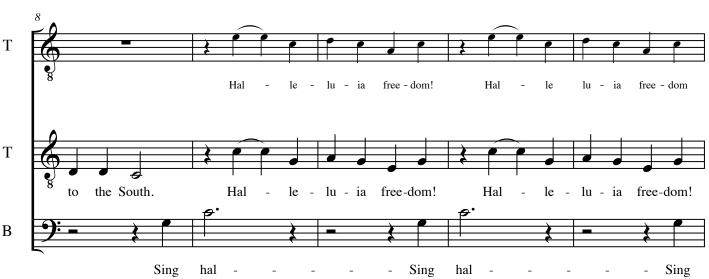
You can talk about me just as much as you please Well the more you talk I'm gonna bend my knees

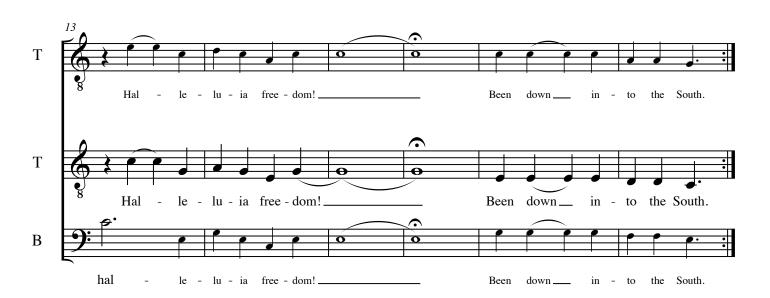
The only thing that we did wrong stay in the wilderness a day too long

The only thing that we did right Was the day we started to fight

We are fighting both Black and white Fighting for our civil rights







Mr. Hollis Watkins taught this song to the Freedom Summer '08 class from Indiana University South Bend in his Southern Echo, Inc. office in Jackson, Mississippi on Thursday, May 15, 2008. This is my loose attempt at re-creating his arrangement.

This, from *Sing for Freedom: The Story of the Civil Rights Movement Through Its Songs*, by Guy and Candie Carawan, Montgomery, Louisville: NewSouth Books. 2007: "This old spiritual was first adapted by Bob Zellner, SNCC field secretary, in a car on the way back to Atlanta from Baton Rouge where he had been arrested, jailed and indicted for 'criminal anarchy.' Charles McDew, SNCC Chairman, and also under indictment for the same charge, was one of those singing in the car and helping improvise this new freedom song. Later Bob introduced it to the Talladega student movement during their protest campaign against segregated public facilities. It immediately became one of the most popular songs at their mass meetings, demonstrations, and jam sessions. Since then it has spread to other areas and taken up new verses." [This was originally written in 1963, in the authors' Oak Publications book, *We Shall Overcome: Songs of the Southern Freedom Movement*.]

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