

I'm Gonna Do What the Spirit Says Do

From a traditional Gospel song

D G

I'M gon - na do what the spi - rit says do. I'm gon - na

3 G D G

do what the spi - rit says do. And what the spi - rit says do I'm gon - na

6 C G D

do, Lord, Lord, I'm gon - na do what the spi - rit says do.

Substitute: sing, pray, march, sit, fight, etc.
Here it is in a minor key. It has a different "feel."

9 E m

I'm go - na do what the spi - rit says do. I'm gon - na

12 B7

do what the spi - rit says do. And what the

14 E m A m E m D E m

spi - rit says do I'm gon - na do, Lord, Lord, I'm gon - na do what the spi - rit says do.

John Lewis, in *Walking With the Wind* (1998 Harcourt, Brace), p. 94, says of the sit-in demonstrations, "you can never know what's going to happen and you can never become complacent. . . That's why, when th[is] song came along, we would sing [it] over and over during the demonstrations."