

SWING LOW

Everyone

Chorus:

Swing low, sweet chariot, (C, F, C)
Comin' for to carry me home; (C, G7)
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Comin' for to carry me home. (C, G7, C)

Trefoil singers

Descant (sung with Chorus)

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in
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Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marchin' in

1. 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!

2nd optional descant

Dominique a'nique a'nique
Over the land he walks along
And sings a happy song
Never asking for reward, he just talks
about the Lord

2. 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.

He just talks about the Lord.

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" was written by Wallis Willis, a Choctaw Freedman in the old Indian Territory. It was inspired by the Red River, which reminded Willis of the Prophet Elijah and his fiery chariot at the Jordan River. We sing it in tandem with the old spiritual "When the Saints Go Marching In."

