

(from A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS: The Writers Tell Their Stories)

GUIDE MY FEET

for SATB Choir, Solo (Soprano or Tenor), and Congregation, a cappella

African-American Spiritual
Setting by HAL H. HOPSON (ASCAP)

In a steady, moderately fast tempo (♩ = ca. 80)

STANZAS 1 & 2: Solo & Choir

*SOLO

1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

mf

while I run this race.

mf

while I run this race, Oh yes, my Lord.

[5]

Guide my feet
Hold my hand

for I

while I run this race.

while I run this race, for I

while I run this race, Oh yes, my Lord.

don't want to run this race in vain.

don't want to run this race in vain.

Oh yes, my Lord.

* The solo may also be performed by a small ensemble of treble or male voices.

9 STANZA 3: Solo & Choir

pp

3. I'm your_ child_ I'm your child_

pp

while I run this race.

pp

while I run this race, Oh yes, my Lord.

13

I'm your_ child_

while I run_ this race. while I run this race,

while I run this race, Oh yes, my Lord.

for I don't want_ to_ run this race in vain.

for I don't want to_ run this race in vain.

Oh yes, my Lord.

17 STANZA 4: Solo & Choir

f

4. Stand by me Stand by me

f

while I run this race.

f

while I run this race, Oh yes, my Lord.

21

Stand by me

while I run this race.

while I run this race,

while I run this race, Oh yes, my Lord.

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Oh yes, my Lord.

25 INTERLUDE (Congregation stands to sing Stanzas 5 and 6)

ff (unison)

S A

Guide my feet, Oh Lord, — Guide my feet. Guide my feet, Oh Lord, — Guide my feet.

T B

ff (unison)

*Clap Stomp

29 STANZA 5: Solo, Choir & Congregation
CONGREGATION

CONG.

ff

5. Guide my — feet — while I run this race.

S A

ff

5. Guide my — feet — while I run this race.
(Oh guide my feet)

T B

ff

Guide my feet — while I run this race, Oh yes, — my

Clap Stomp

(continue pattern)

CONG.

Guide my feet — while I run this race.

S A

Guide my feet — while I run — this race.

T B

Lord. Guide my feet while I run this race, Oh yes, — my

* The congregation may be invited to join in clapping with the choir.

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Guide my feet while I run this race, for I



Guide my feet while I run this race, for I

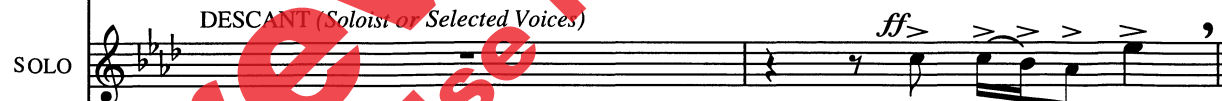
(Oh guide my feet)



Lord. Guide my feet while I run this race, for I



don't want to run this race in vain.



Oh yes, my Lord.



don't want to run this race in vain.



don't want to run this race in vain. Oh yes, my Lord.

37 STANZA 6: Solo, Choir & Congregation

(ff)

6. Guide my feet while I run this race.

(ff)

6. Guide my feet while I run this race, Oh Lord.

(ff)

6. Guide my feet while I run this race.

(ff)

6. Guide my feet while I run this race, Oh yes, my

(ff)

Guide my feet while I run this race.

(ff)

Guide my feet while I run this race.

(ff)

Guide my feet while I run this race.

(ff)

Lord. Guide my feet while I run this race, Oh yes, my

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Guide my feet while I run this race, for I

Guide my feet while I run this race,

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I
(Oh guide my feet)

Lord. Guide my feet while I run this race,

CONG. don't want to run this race in vain. *(tacet al fine)*

SOLO don't want to run this race in vain.

S A don't want to run this race in vain.

T B don't want to run this race in vain.

Clap Stomp (end claps and stomps)

Slowly, expressively

S A

T B

p 45 *pp*

Lord, I don't want to run this race in vain, so

Freely

SOLO

S A

T B

p 48 *rit.* *pp*

Lord, guide my feet. Lord, guide my feet.

guide my feet.

* No breath.

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African-American Spiritual

CONGREGATION SINGS STANZAS 5 & 6: (Stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 4: Choir only)



1. Guide	my	feet	while I	run this	race.	Guide	my	feet
2. Hold	my	hand	while I	run this	race.	Hold	my	hand
3. I'm	your	child	while I	run this	race.	I'm	your	child
4. Stand	by	me	while I	run this	race.	Stand	by	me
5. Guide	my	feet	while I	run this	race.	Guide	my	feet
6. Guide	my	feet	while I	run this	race.	Guide	my	feet



while I	run this	race.	Guide	my	feet	while I	run this	race,
while I	run this	race.	Hold	my	hand	while I	run this	race,
while I	run this	race.	I'm	your	child	while I	run this	race,
while I	run this	race.	Stand	by	me	while I	run this	race,
while I	run this	race.	Guide	my	feet	while I	run this	race,
while I	run this	race.	Guide	my	feet	while I	run this	race,



for I	don't	want	to	run	this	race	in	vain.
for I	don't	want	to	run	this	race	in	vain.
for I	don't	want	to	run	this	race	in	vain.
for I	don't	want	to	run	this	race	in	vain.
for I	don't	want	to	run	this	race	in	vain.
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