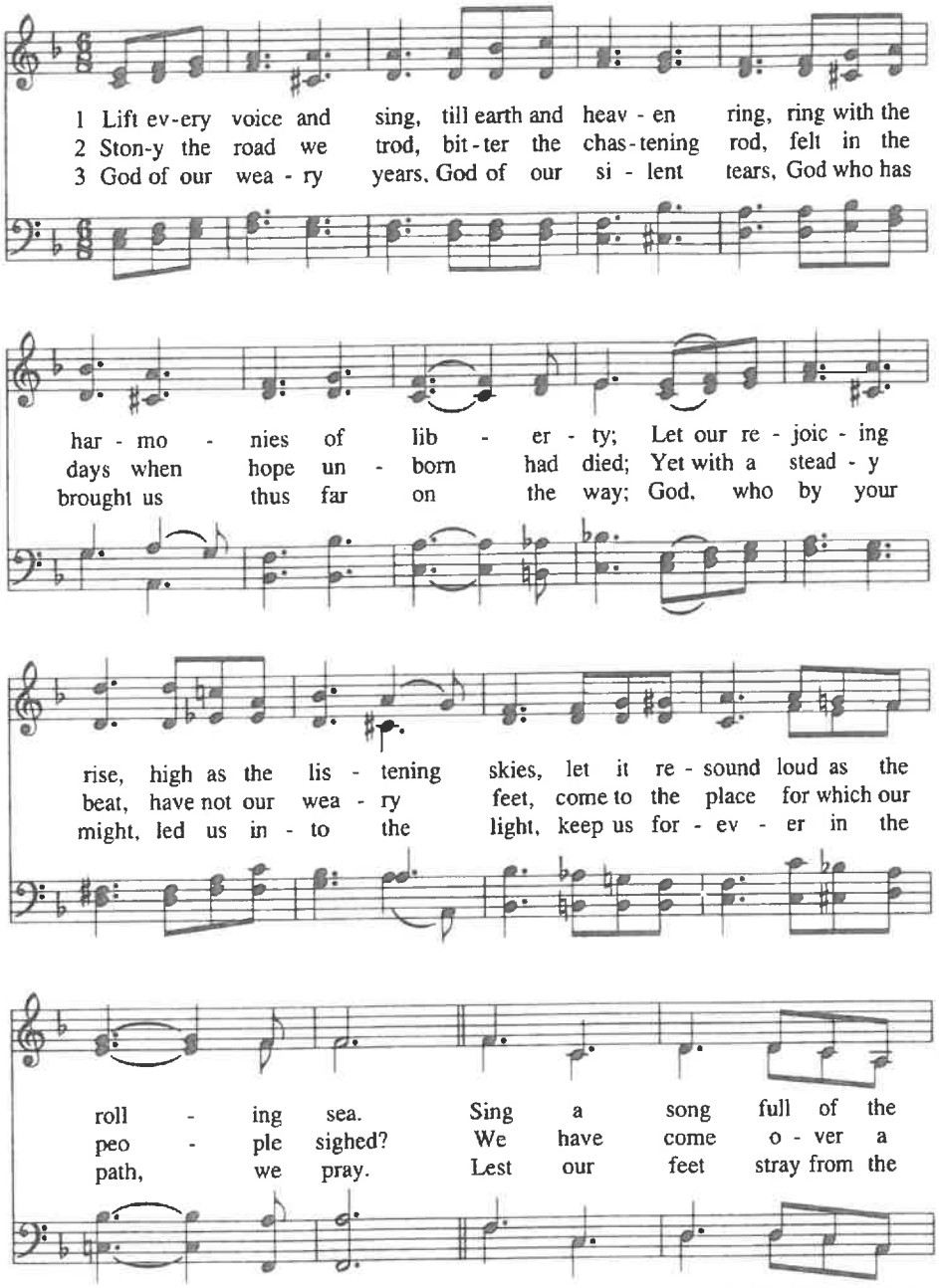
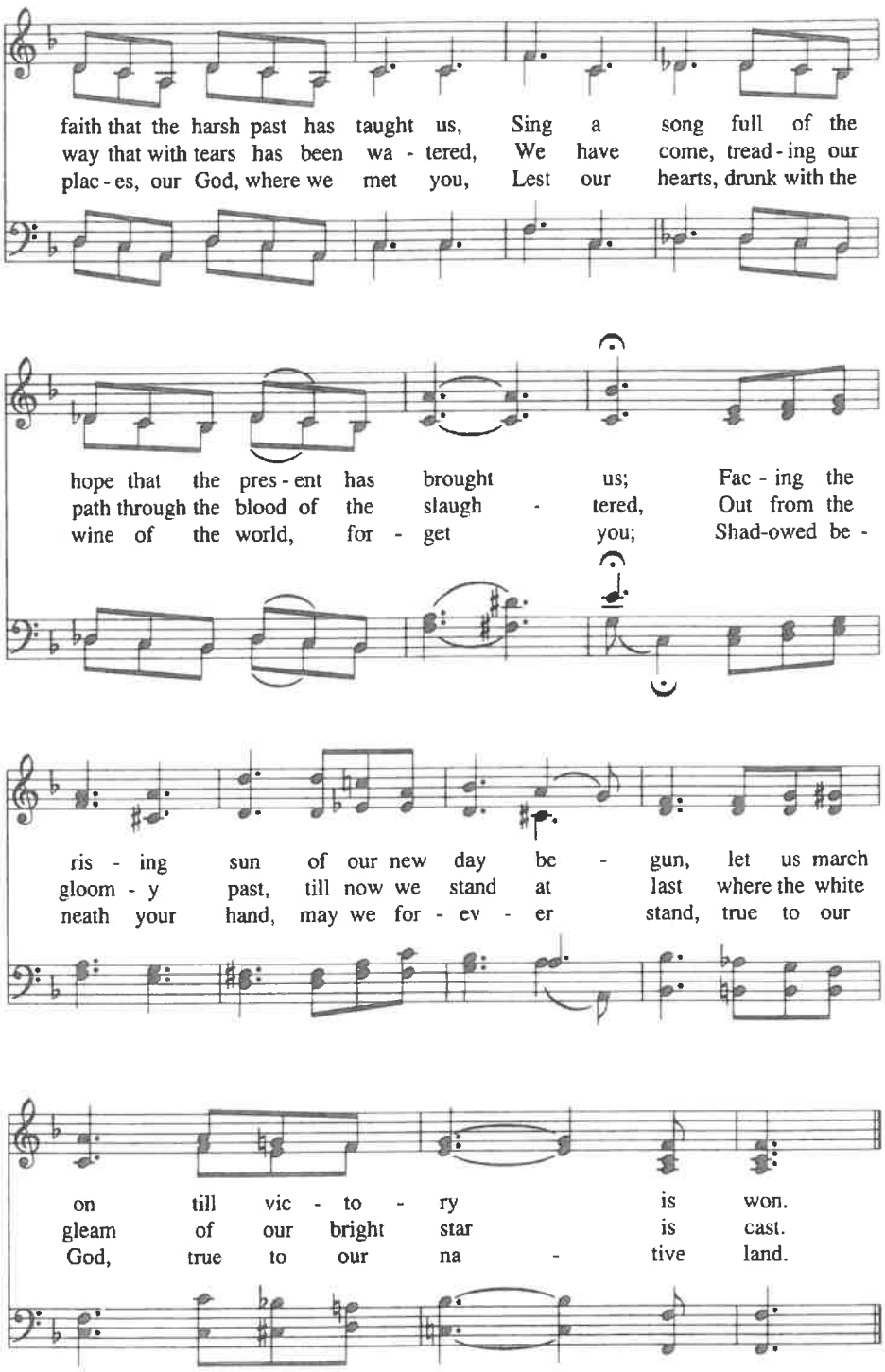
593 Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.



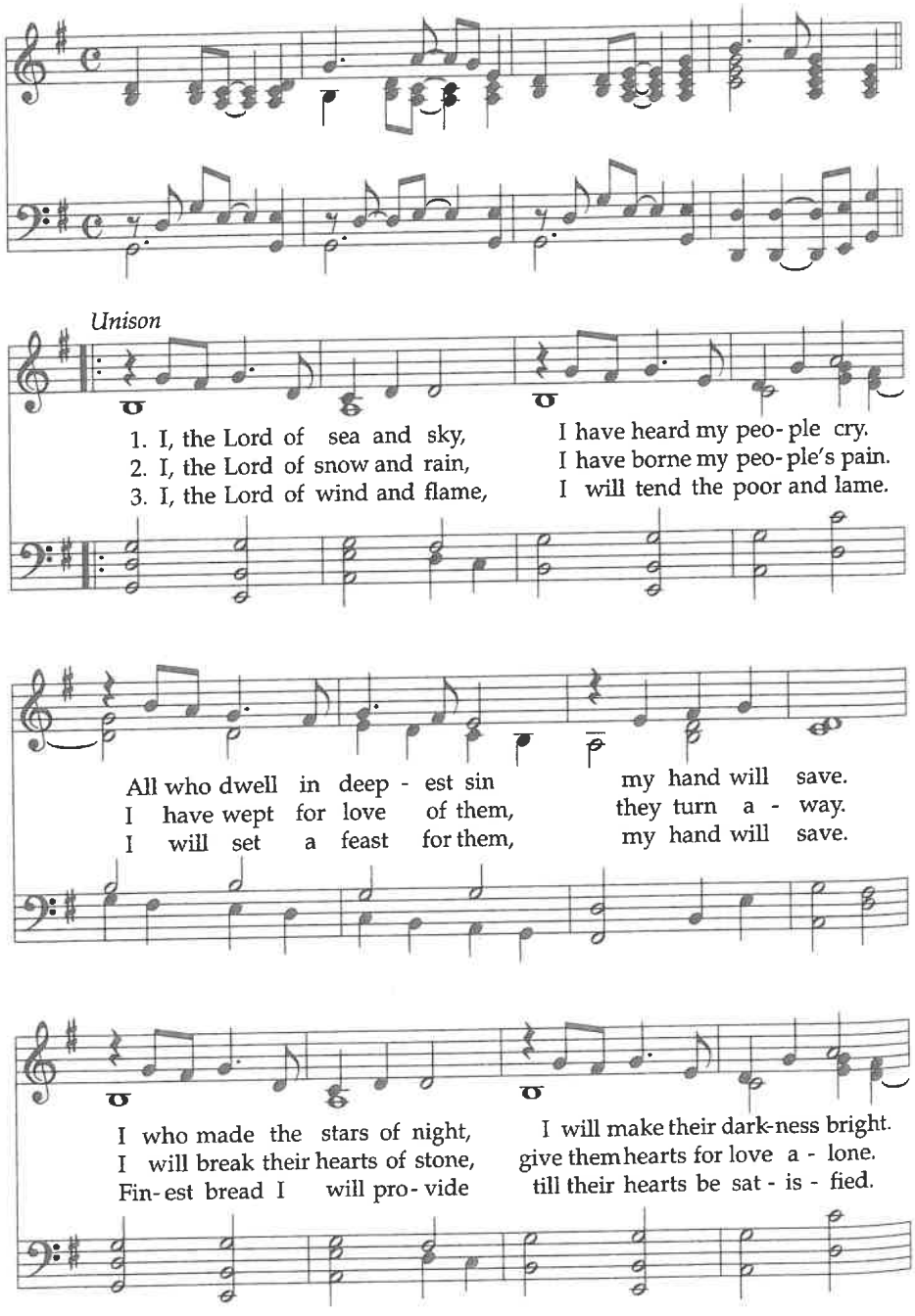
Poet James Weldon Johnson was the first African-American to pass the bar examination in the state of Florida, and served as U.S. consul in Venezuela and Nicaragua. He collaborated with his composer brother, John Rosamond Johnson, to write Broadway operettas and edit song collections. John appeared in vaudeville, directed London musicals, and headed the Music School Settlement in New York.

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE Irr.
J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921


faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the
hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
wine of the world, for - get you; Shad-owed be -
ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our
on till vic - to - ry is won.
gleam of our bright star is cast.
God, true to our na - tive land.

Isaiah 6:8

452 Here I Am, Lord



WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981
MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. James Snyder, 1994

HERE I AM, LORD
77.74 w. refrain

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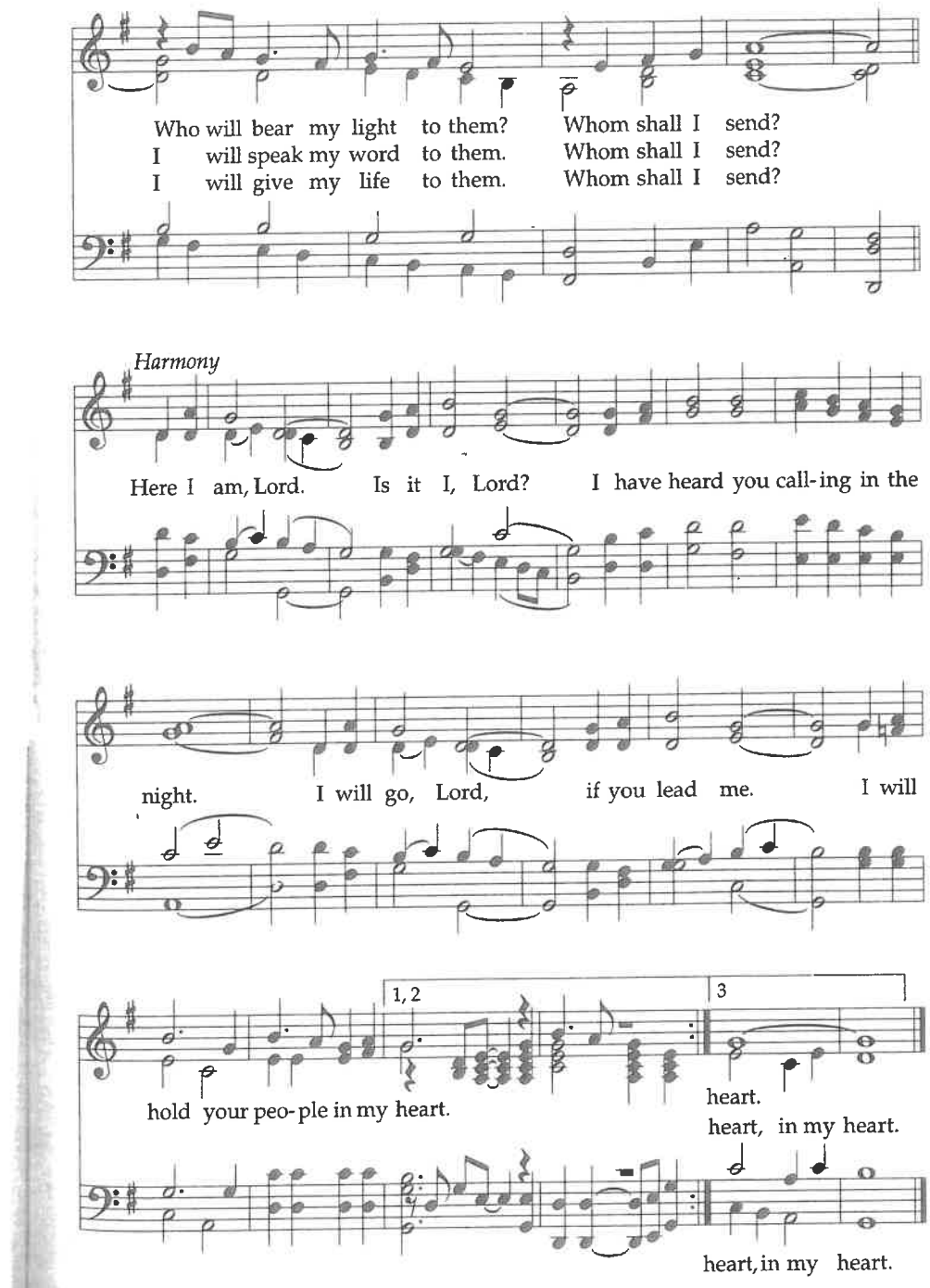
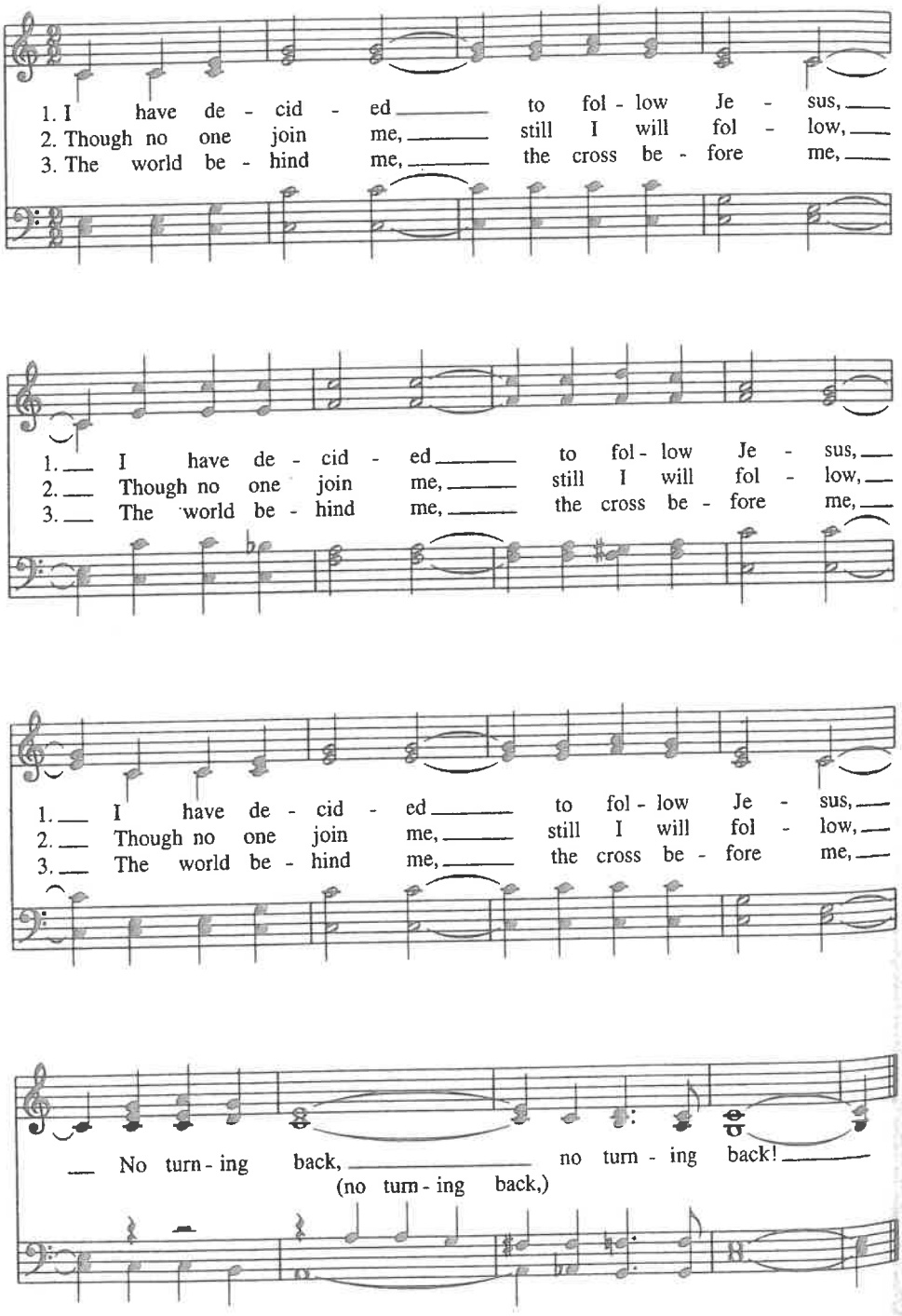

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Harmony
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will
1, 2
3
hold your peo-ple in my heart.
heart.
heart, in my heart.
heart, in my heart.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

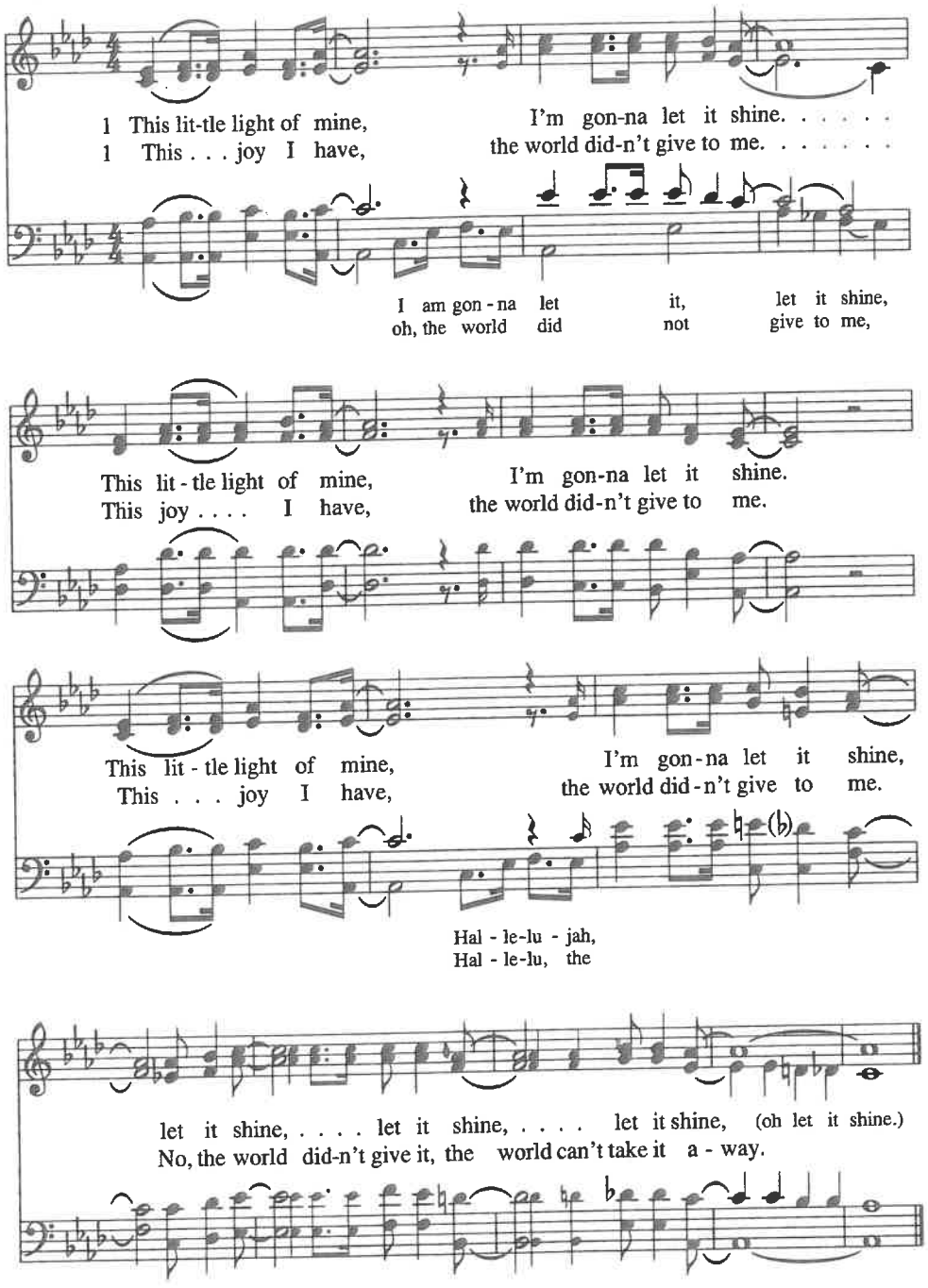


Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam
Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson

524 This Little Light/This Joy I Have

Matt. 5:14-16

African-American spiritual



"This Little Light" continued:
2 Ev-ery-where I go . . .
3 All--through the night . . .

"This Joy I Have" continued:
2 This love I have . . .
3 This hope I have . . .
4 This faith I have . . .
5 This peace I have . . .