

Oh Happy Day

(SATB and Soloist)

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1 *mp* Gospel-rock feel ♩ = 108

C F/C C F/C

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand starts with a C major chord, followed by a sequence of chords: C major, F/C, C major, and F/C. The left hand plays a simple bass line with quarter notes. The tempo is marked as 108 beats per minute with a quarter note equal to one beat. The dynamics are marked as *mp* (mezzo-piano). The style is described as 'Gospel-rock feel'.

Soprano: Oh, Hap- py day, **A** oh, hap- py day—

Alto: *mp* Oh, Hap- py Oh hap- py day, —

Tenor: Oh hap- py day, —

Bass: Oh hap- py day, —

C F/C

The vocal and piano section begins with the lyrics 'Oh, Happy day, oh, happy day'. The Soprano part starts with a melodic line, marked with a circled 'A' above the first measure. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts provide harmonic support. The piano accompaniment continues with chords C and F/C. The dynamics are marked as *mp*.

7 oh hap- py day. — When Je- sus washed, —

8 oh hap- py day. — When Je- sus washed, —

9 when Je- sus washed, —

C A7^{aug} D^m G

The second system of the score continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are 'oh happy day. When Jesus washed, when Jesus washed, when Jesus washed'. The piano accompaniment features chords C, A7^{aug}, D^m, and G. The Soprano part has a melodic line with lyrics 'oh hap- py day. — When Je- sus washed, —'. The Alto part has lyrics 'oh hap- py day. — When Je- sus washed, —'. The Tenor and Bass parts have lyrics 'when Je- sus washed, —'.

when Je- sus washed, mm, when

when Je- sus washed,

when Je- sus washed,

Dm G

Detailed description: This system contains the first two systems of music. The top system features a vocal line with lyrics 'when Je- sus washed, mm, when' and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line with 'when Je- sus washed,' and includes guitar chords 'Dm' and 'G'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and bass lines.

Je- sus washed, He washed my sins a- way, **2** **B**

when Je- sus washed, my sins a- way, my sins a- way,

when Je- sus washed, my sins a-

Dm G C E/C

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth systems of music. The third system has a vocal line with lyrics 'Je- sus washed, He washed my sins a- way, 2 B' and a piano accompaniment. The fourth system continues with 'when Je- sus washed, my sins a- way, my sins a- way,' and includes guitar chords 'Dm', 'G', 'C', and 'E/C'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and bass lines.

hap- py oh hap- py day. He taught me

hap- py oh hap- py day. He taught me

a bright an' hap- py day, hap- py day.

F Eb Dm C E 7

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth systems of music. The fifth system has a vocal line with lyrics 'hap- py oh hap- py day. He taught me' and a piano accompaniment. The sixth system continues with 'hap- py oh hap- py day. He taught me' and includes guitar chords 'F', 'Eb', 'Dm', 'C', and 'E 7'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and bass lines.