

On the 50th anniversary of the assassination of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Will Justice Roll Down?

Use of simple percussion encouraged.
Djembe or cajon for back beat,
and shaker/tambourine on choruses.

SAB and Piano

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Soulful lament $\text{♩} = 78$

mp

Pedal freely

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The tempo is marked as 78 beats per minute.

5 *mf* S/A Unison

S Let jus-tice roll down like wa - ters, So the pro-phets said. _____

The first vocal line (Soprano/Alto Unison) begins at measure 5. The melody is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Let jus-tice roll down like wa - ters, So the pro-phets said. _____". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern.

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S Yet ev-'ry day a - no - ther child _____ Is weep - ing with-out bread _____

B _____

The second vocal line (Soprano) begins at measure 9. The lyrics are: "Yet ev-'ry day a - no - ther child _____ Is weep - ing with-out bread _____". The Bass line (B) is mostly silent, with a few notes at the end of the phrase.

mf

Or

The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as in the first section, supporting the vocal lines.

13 *mf*

S *mf* We

A *mf* We

B ly - ing in the street, Cut down by ha - tred once a - gain We

17 *f*

S *f* cry... Will jus-tice ev-er roll down? Will jus-tice ev-er roll

A *f* cry... Will jus-tice ev-er roll down? Will jus-tice ev-er roll

B *f* cry... Will jus-tice ev-er roll down? Will jus-tice ev-er roll

f

Sva

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S
down? Hope that calls in ___ vain, So much hurt and ___

A
down? Hope that calls in ___ vain, So much hurt and ___

B
down? Hope that calls in ___ vain, So much hurt and

(8va)-----

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S
pain, Sor-row all a - round... Will jus-tice ev - er ___ roll

A
pain, Sor-row all a - round... Will jus-tice ev - er ___ roll

B
pain, Sor-row all a - round... Will jus-tice ev - er ___ roll

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