

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray

SSA a cappella*

Trad., alt.

Traditional Spiritual
Arranged by Victor C. Johnson

Musical notation for Soprano I, Soprano II, and Alto parts, showing the initial melodic lines for each voice.

Expressively (♩ = 72)

SI, SII *p*

A *p*

Oo

Oo

Oo

Oo

4 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Lord, I could-n't hear no-bod - y pray, I

poco rit. *a tempo*

Lord, I could-n't hear no-bod - y pray, I

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could-n't hear no-bod - y pray. Oh, way down yon - der

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray. Oh, way down yon - der

10 *rit.*

by my - self, and I could - n't hear no - bod - y

rit.

by my - self, and I could - n't hear no - bod - y

Performance time: ca. 2:55

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With spirit (♩ = 126)

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12 *mf*
pray. Lord, I could-n't hear no - bod - y pray, I
mf
pray. Lord, I could-n't hear no - bod - y pray, I

15
could-n't hear no - bod - y pray. Oh, way down yon - der
could-n't hear no - bod - y pray. Oh, way down yon - der

18 *sub. p*
by my - self, and I could - n't hear no - bod - y
sub. p
by my - self, and I could - n't hear no - bod - y

20 Solo *mf*
In the val - ley, on my knees,
mp
pray. could-n't hear no - bod - y pray,
mp
pray. could-n't hear no - bod - y pray,

23
with my bur - den,
could - n't hear no - bod - y pray,
could - n't hear no - bod - y pray,

25

and my Sav - ior,

could - n't hear no - bod - y pray,

could - n't hear no - bod - y pray,

27

Oh, Lord!

mf could - n't hear no - bod - y pray. *f* Oh, Lord, *mf* I

mf could - n't hear no - bod - y pray. *f* Oh, Lord, *mf* I

29

could - n't hear no - bod - y pray, I

could - n't hear no - bod - y pray, I

31

could - n't hear no - bod - y pray. Oh, way down yon - der

could - n't hear no - bod - y pray. Oh, way down yon - der

34

sub. p

by my - self, and I could - n't hear no - bod - y

sub. p

CGE217 by my - self, and I could - n't hear no - bod - y

36 Solo *mf*

Chil - ly wa - ters, _____ in the Jor - dan,

mp

pray. could-n't hear no - bod - y pray,

mp

pray. could-n't hear no - bod - y pray,

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com - in' o - ver, _____

could-n't hear no - bod - y pray, could-n't hear no - bod - y

could-n't hear no - bod - y pray, could-n't hear no - bod - y

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in - to Ca - naan, Oh, _____ Lord! _____

mf *f* *mf*

pray, could-n't hear no - bod - y pray. Oh, Lord, I

mf *f* *mf*

pray, could-n't hear no - bod - y pray. Oh, Lord, I

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could-n't hear no - bod - y pray, I could-n't hear no - bod - y

could-n't hear no - bod - y pray, _____ I could-n't hear no - bod - y