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Rock-a My Soul
SATB with divisi

Rock-a My Soul was first published in "Slave songs of the United States" in 1867. It is a spiritual that speaks of being held by God (the rock of our souls) in the face of oppression and suffering. Its lyrics draw on imagery from the Gospel of Luke (16: 22-23), which depicts Lazarus resting in the bosom of Abraham, protected from the forces of evil, after a lifetime of torment.

Traditional Spiritual

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$\text{♩} = 60-65$ *Feel the half-note pulse and let it groove.*

pp

S
Rock-a my soul in the

A
pp
Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, Rock-a my soul in the bo-

T
pp
Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, Rock-a my soul in the bo-

B
pp
Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, Rock-a my soul in the bo-

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bo - som of A - bra-ham, Rock - a my soul in the bo - som of A - bra-ham,

- som of A - bra-ham, Rock - a my soul in the bo - som of A - bra-ham,

- som of A - bra-ham, Rock - a my soul in the bo - som of A - bra-ham,

- som of A - bra-ham, Rock - a my soul in the bo - som of A - bra-ham,

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Rock - a my soul in the bo - som of A - bra-ham, Oh rock - a my

Rock - a my soul in the bo - som of A - bra-ham, Rock - a my soul, a my

Rock - a my soul in the bo - som of A - bra-ham, Rock - a my soul, a my

Rock - a my soul in the bo - som of A - bra-ham, Rock - a my soul, a my

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soul! Oh So high you can't get o - ver it,

soul! Oh Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul,

Rock-a my soul a my soul! Oh Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul,

Rock-a my soul a my soul! Oh Rock-a my - a soul-a rock - a, Rock-a my - a soul-a rock - a

p

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So low you can't get un - der it, So wide you can't get 'round it,

Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul,

Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul,

Rock-a my - a soul-a rock - a, Rock-a my - a soul-a rock - a, Rock-a my - a soul-a rock - a, Rock-a my - a soul-a rock - a,

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Oh rock-a my soul! Oh Rock-a my soul in the

Rock-a my soul, a my Rock-a my soul, a my soul! Rock-a my soul in the bo-

Rock-a my soul, a my Rock-a my soul, a my soul! Rock-a my soul in the bo-

Rock-a my - a soul-a rock - a, Rock-a my - a soul-a my soul! Rock-a my - a soul-a rock - a,

mp

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bo-som of A - bra-ham, rock-a my soul in the bo-som of A-bra-ham, rock-a my soul in the
 - som of A - bra-ham, Rock-a my soul in the bo, bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul in the bo,
 - som of A- bra-ham, Rock-a my soul in the bo, bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul in the bo,
 Rock-a my-a soul-a rock-a, Rock-a my-a soul-a rock-a, Rock-a my - a soul-a rock-a, Rock-a my-a soul-a rock-a,

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bo-som of A-bra- ham, Oh rock a my soul! Oh
 bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul, a my soul-a my soul, a my soul, a rock-a, rock-a, rock-a,
 bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul, a my soul-a my soul, a my soul, a rock-a, rock-a, rock-a,
 Rock-a my - a soul-a rock-a, Rock-a my-a soul-a rock-a, Rock-a my-a soul-a my soul, a rock-a, rock-a, rock-a,

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So high you can't get o - ver it, So low you can't get un - der it,
 Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, Rock-a my soul, a my soul, a my soul, a my soul,
 Rock, rock, Oh Rock, rock, Oh Rock, rock, Oh Rock, rock, Oh Rock, rock, Oh
 Rock, rock, Oh Rock, rock, Oh Rock, rock my soul, I'm sing - ing

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So wide—you can't get 'round it, Oh rock-a my soul! Oh Rock-a my soul in the

Rock-a my soul, a my soul,— a my soul, a my soul, Rock-a my soul, a my soul! Oh Rock-a my soul in the bo -

Rock, rock, Oh Rock, rock, Oh Rock rock my soul! Oh Rock-a my soul in the bo -

Rock, rock, Oh Rock, rock, Oh Rock, rock my soul! Oh Rock-a my soul in the bo -

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bo-som of A - bra-ham, Rock-a my soul in the bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul in the

- som of A - bra-ham, Rock-a my soul in the bo, bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul in the bo,

- som of A - bra-ham, Rock-a my soul_ in the bo, bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul_ in the bo,

- som of A - bra-ham, Rock-a my soul_ in the bo - som of A - bra-ham, Rock-a my soul_ in the bo -

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bo-som of A-bra-ham, Oh rock-a my soul! Yes! So high—you

bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul, a my Rock-a my soul, a rock-a, Rock-a my soul, a my soul,

bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul, a my Rock-a my soul, a rock-a, Rock-a my soul, a my soul,

- som of A - bra-ham, Rock-a my soul, a my Rock-a my soul, a rock-a, Rock-a my-a soul-a rock-a,

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Rock-a my soul, ba - by rock-a my soul, Oh Rock-a my soul, Oh_____

Rock-a my soul in the bo-som of A-bra-ham, Oh rock-a my soul!

Rock-a my soul in the bo, bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul, a my soul-a my soul, a my soul,

Rock-a my soul in the bo, bo-som of A-bra-ham, Rock-a my soul, a my soul-a my soul, a my soul,

Rock-a my-a soul-a rock-a, Rock-a my-a soul-a rock-a, Rock-a my-a soul-a rock-a, Rock-a my-a soul-a my soul,



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... ba-by rock-a my soul, Oh_____ ba-by rock-a my soul! Rock-a my soul!

Oh rock-a my soul! Oh rock-a my soul! Rock-a my soul!

Rock-a my soul, a my soul-a my soul, a my soul, Rock-a my soul, a my soul! Rock-a my soul!

Rock-a my soul, a my soul-a my soul, a my soul, Rock-a my soul, a my soul! Rock-a my soul!

Rock-a my-a soul-a rock-a, Rock-a my-a soul-a my soul, Rock-a my-a soul, a my soul! Rock-a my soul!