

# Go Down, Moses

Trad. African American

Traditional, arr.  
Fisk Jubilee Singers, 1873 (alt.)

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,  
2. No more shall they in bond-age toil, Let my people  
3. As Is - rael stood by the wat - er - side,  
4. When they had reach'd the oth - er shore,

4  
Op - press'd so hard they could not stand,  
go, — Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil,  
At th'com-mand of God, it did di - vide,  
They sang a song of tri - umph o'er,

7  
Let my people go. Go down, Mo - ses,

11  
Way down in E - gypt's land, Tell old

14  
Pha - raoh, — Let my peo-ple go.

5. You'll not get lost i'th' wilderness... With a lighted candle in your breast....

Used by Harriet Tubman to identify herself to  
enslaved people who might want to flee north.

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