

We shall overcome

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Original song attributed to Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley circa 1900

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Adagio

Descant
verse
3&4

Leader

Tutti

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1. We shall o - ver come (p) We shall o - ver come We shall o - ver - come some day.

2. We'll walk hand in hand (mp)

3. We shall live in peace (mf)

4. We are not a - fraid (f)

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We shall o - ver come We shall o - ver - come some day.

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mf *hold back* *pp* *mf* *p*

Oh deep in my heart I do be - lieve we are not a - fraid to - day.

mf *pp* *mf* *p*

Oh deep in my heart I do be - lieve, we shall o - ver - come some day.

mf *pp* *mf* *p*

Oh deep in my heart I do be - lieve, we shall o - ver - come some day.

mf *pp* *mf* *p*

Oh deep in my heart I do be - lieve, we shall o - ver - come some day.

This is a flexible arrangement. You can sing a few of the verses, or all of them, or add an appropriate verse of text for your own situation. You could also sing the first verse in unison. And you can ask your audience to sing along. In all verses, harmony singers need to adjust their words, and sing what the 'Leader' has modelled for them.

Here's what is recommended as a performance 'recipe.'

Verse 1 - Big notes only - 3 part

Verse 2 - Add little notes - 5 parts

Verse 3 - Add descant - 6 parts

Verse 4 - Same but stronger

Final verse - Return to verse one - 3 parts only - or 5 parts depending on the group

Watch our video for a short version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68nun8IAwCA>