

Commissioned by Cornell University Chorus
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Go Dig My Grave

SSAA *a cappella*

Text: **Anonymous**

Traditional

Arranged by **Sally Lamb McCune**

Driven, Rustic, Somber ♩ = ca. 84

Soprano I

Soprano II *f*
Oh, — Lord - y,* Lord - y, Lord - y me. — Oh,

Alto I *f*
Oh, Lord - y,* Lord - y

Alto II *f*
Oh, — Lord - y,* Lord - y, — Lord - y me. — Oh, —

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Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y me.

me. — Dig my grave — and —

Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y me. —

* Soften or drop the reflexive “R”, sounding closer to “Lawd-y” and not “Lord-y”.

Duration: ca. 2:40

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7 *f*
 She went up - stairs _____ to make her

 _____ *mf* Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y me. _____
 _____ *mf* make it deep, _____ and make it wide. _____
 _____ *mf* Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y me. _____

10
 bed, _____ and not a word _____
 _____ Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord.
 _____ Oh, dig my grave _____ both _____
 _____ Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y

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 to her moth - er said. Her moth-er, she _____
 _____ Oh, Lord-y, Lord - y me. _____
 _____ wide and deep. _____ Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, _____
 _____ me. _____ Oh,

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... went up - stairs too, say - in', 'daugh - ter, oh, daugh -
 Lord - y, oh, Lord - y, Lord - y me.

Lord, oh, Lord - y,

20

- ter, what trou - bles you?"
 Oh, Lord - y
 Lord - y, Lord - y, oh, Lord - y,

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"Oh, moth - er, oh, moth - er I can - not
 Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y me,
 Lord - y, me. Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y
 me. Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y me.

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tell, that rail - road boy
 oh, Lord, oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y
 me. Oh, dig my grave both
 Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y,

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that I loved so well, he's court - ed
 me. Oh,
 wide and deep. Oh, Lord - y,
 Lord. Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y me.

32

me life a - way, and now at
 dig my grave and make it wide.
 Lord - y, Lord - y, oh, Lord - y, Lord - y me.
 Oh, Lord, oh, Lord - y,

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home I long to stay. Oh, Lord - y, Oh, Lord - y, Oh, Lord - y, oh, Lord - y, Lord - y me.

40

Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord. Lord - y, Lord. Lord - y, Lord. Oh, Lord - y, oh, Lord - y, oh, Lord - y.

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Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, Oh, Lord - y Oh, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y me. Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y, Lord - y me. Lord - y, Lord - y.