

# Hold On

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Always deliberate; eighth notes to be performed as written ♩=50-60

Maracas 

Congas (2) 

The percussion parts may be *ad lib.* during repeated measures.  
The bass part may embellish its part to support the character of the vocal lines.

5

S 

A 

M 

C 

B 

9

S 

A 

M 

C 

B 

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13 *div.* *mp*

S *mp* Oo

A *mp* Oo  
(Alto 2)

M

C

B

17 *mf unison*

S (oo) If you want to get to Heav-en I'll tell you how, just keep your

A *mf tutti* (oo) If you want to get to Heav-en I'll tell you how, just keep your

M

C

B

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20

S hand on the Gos-pel plow... Keep your hand on the plow... hold

A hand on the Gos-pel plow... Keep your hand on the plow... hold

M

C

B

24

SI on. *p* Oo

SII on. If that plow stays in your hand, It land you

M

C

B

28

SI Oo Oo

SII straight in the Prom-ise' Land... Keep your hand on the plow, hold

M

C

B

32

I *mp* *cresc.* Hold on, *cresc.* Hold

SII *mp* Hold on, *cresc.* Hold

II *mp* Hold on, *cresc.* Hold

A Hold on, Hold

M

C

B

36 *cresc.* *f* *f* *f*

S on, Keep your hand on the plow, hold

A *cresc.* on, Keep your hand on the plow, hold

M

C

B

40

S on.

A on.

M

C

B

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44

M

C

B

*p* *p* *f*

48 *tutti mf*

S Mar - y wore three link\_ of chain; Ev' - ry link was my Je - sus'

A *mp*  
Oh, Mar - y Oh,

M

C

B

52 *div.*

S name... Keep your hand on the plow, hold on,

A sweet, sweet Je - sus, Keep hold in on, hold on,

M

C

B

56 *f*

I Keep on plow-in' don't you tire; Ev' - ry round goes high'r and

S *mf*  
Keep on hold - in' on, broth - er keep hold - in'

II *mf*  
Keep on hold - in' on, broth - er keep hold - in'

A *mf*  
Keep on hold - in' on, broth - er keep hold - in'

M

C

B

60

I  
S high'r... Keep your hand on the plow, hold on.

II  
on, sis - ter keep a hand on the plow, hold on.

A  
on, sis - ter keep a hand on the plow, hold on.

M  
C  
B

64

S *mf* Hold on, hold on Keep your

A *mf* Hold on, hold on Keep your

M  
C  
B

69

S *p* hand on the plow, hold on.

A *p* hand on the plow, hold on.

M  
C *pp* very dry  
B



73 *Alto 2 P with intensity*

A Hold on, chil-dren,

M

C

B

77 *tutti P*

S Hold on, hold on chil-dren,

I *P* Hold on, hold on, chil-dren Hold on, hold on, chil-dren

A Hold on, hold on, chil-dren, hold on, chil-dren,

II

M

C

B

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81 *all voices and inst. poco a poco cresc. div.*

S hold on hold on, chil-dren hold on, hold on, child-ren

I Hold on, hold on, chil-dren Hold on, hold on, chil-dren

A hold on, chil-dren, hold on, chil-dren,

II

M

C

B

85

S hold on, hold on, child - ren keep hold-in' on, keep hold-in' on, broth - er keep

I Hold on, hold on, chil - dren hold-in' on, keep hold-in' on, broth - er keep

A hold on, chil - dren, hold-in' on, keep hold-in' on, broth - er keep

II

M

C

B

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89

S hold-in' on, Keep hold-in' on, sis - ter keep hold-in' on, keep hold-in'

A hold-in' on, Keep hold-in' on, sis - ter keep hold-in' on, keep hold-in'

M

C

B



92

S I on, hold on, Keep

S II on, hold on, we got-ta work to-geth-er ev'-ry-bo-dy got-ta keep-a -

A I on, hold on, we got-ta work to-geth-er ev'-ry-bo-dy got-ta keep-a -

A II on, hold on, hold on, oh, Keep on

M

C

B

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95

S *ff* hold-in' on, keep hold-in' on, Got - ta keep hold-in' on keep hold-in'

A *ff* hold-in' on, keep hold-in' on, Got - ta keep hold-in' on keep hold-in'

M

C

B

98

S on, got - ta keep hold-in' on, keep hold-in' on, hold

A on, got - ta keep hold-in' on, keep hold-in' on, hold

M

C

B

101

S on. Hold on to the plow — keep your hand.

A hold on, child ren hold on to the plow — keep your hand.

M

C

B

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104

S — on the plow, keep hold-in' on 'til we see the Prom - ised Land, keep your

A — on the plow, keep hold-in' on 'til we see the Prom - ised Land, keep your

M

C

B

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110

*rit. poco a poco* **f**

S Keep your hand on the plow,

*rit. poco a poco* **f**

A Keep your hand on the plow,

*rit. poco a poco*

M

C

*rit. poco a poco*

B

113

*a tempo*

S hold on.

**ff** *unis. a tempo*

A hold on.

*a tempo*

M

C

B