

## I'm a-going to Join the Band

I'm a raing to join the hand	l'un a mainer ta jain tha hand
I'm a-going to join the band	I'm a-going to join the band
Hallelujah	O Lord
I'm a-going to join the band	I'm a-going to join the band
Can't you sing it	Watch that sun, how steady she runs
I'm a-going to join the band	Don't let her catch you with your work undone
O Lord	
I'm a-going to join the band	I'm a-going to join the band
The more come in with a free good will	Hallelujah
Make the band seem sweeter still	I'm a-going to join the band
	Can't you sing it
I'm a-going to join the band	I'm a-going to join the band
Hallelujah	O Lord
I'm a-going to join the band	I'm a-going to join the band
Can't you sing it	Joshua prayed for to stop the sun
I'm a-going to join the band	The sun did stop till the battle was won
O Lord	
I'm a-going to join the band	I'm a-going to join the band
Jordan's stream is chilly and cold	Hallelujah
If you don't mind, it'll chill your soul	I'm a-going to join the band
	Can't you sing it
I'm a-going to join the band	I'm a-going to join the band
Hallelujah	O Lord
I'm a-going to join the band	I'm a-going to join the band
Can't you sing it	Going to hang my harp on the willow tree
	It'll sound way over in Galilee

Interpret

## Song Reader

CCSSR5: Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

- What is the main idea of the song?
- What techniques did the writer use to get the idea across?
- This song is part of the heritage of African Americans. What do you learn about values of African Americans from this song? Explain what you think and why.