

# Go Down Moses, Let My People Go!

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## "Go Down Moses" (Late 19th Century African-American Spiritual)

When Israel was in Egypt land: Let my people go! Oppressed so hard they could not stand: Let my people go! Go down, Moses way down in Egypt land. Tell old Pharaoh To let my people go!

Thus spoke the Lord, bold Moses said, Let my people go! If not I'll strike your firstborn dead. Let my people go. Go down Moses, way down in Egypt land. Tell old Pharaoh: To let my people go.

Your foes shall not before you stand: Let my people go! And you'll possess fair Canaan's land. Let my people go. Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land: Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go!