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"I'm a Po' Lil' Orphan" from *My Spirituals* (1927)

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1. I'm a po' lil' or - phan in dis worl', In the
moth - uh broke de ice an' gone, Ice an'

mf *mp* *p*

* answer

This system shows the first vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest followed by a half note G4, then a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3 and a half note F3, followed by a half note E3 and a half note D3. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. Dynamics include mezzo-forte (mf), mezzo-piano (mp), and piano (p).

worl', I'm a poor lil' or - phan in dis worl', In the
gone, Mah moth uh broke de ice an' gone, Ice an'

mf *mp* *p*

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* answer

This system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, then a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note G3 and a half note F3, followed by a half note E3 and a half note D3. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. Dynamics include mezzo-forte (mf), mezzo-piano (mp), and piano (p).

worl', I'm a po' lil' or - phan in dis worl', Good Lawd, I
gone, Mah moth - uh broke de ice an' gone,

pp *mf* *pp*

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This system concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, then a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note G3 and a half note F3, followed by a half note E3 and a half note D3. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. Dynamics include piano-piano (pp), mezzo-forte (mf), and piano-piano (pp).

* Answer sung by the congregation may be rised with good effect by Solo voice

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mp *rit.* *3* 1. 2. *mp*

can - not stay heah by mah - se'f. 2. My - se'f. 3. I

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pp *distantly*

prom - is'd her I'd fol - low on, Fol - low on, I prom - is'd

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pp *distantly* *mf* *col voce*

her I'd fol - low on, Fol - low on, I prom is'd her I'd

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rit. *3* *distantly* *pp* *36*

fol - low on. Good Lawd, I can - not stay heah by mah - se'f. by mah - se'f.