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Song Assignment

1. “Free at Last”-was written by Hogue Jr., Joseph Randolp, and Toby Mckeehan.

This song is about being freed from slavery from the help of god. The lyrics, “From my past, free from sin, and I’m free” mean that the age of slavery is over and African Americans will move on from the past.

1. “Handsome Johnny” – was written by Gosset Louis.

The song is about Handsome Johnny going to conflicts in wars. He is a figurative person for every person that was involved in the war. Not only does it mean for soldiers trying to be successful in battle, but also people who are fighting wars for themselves.

1. “I wonder when I’ll get to be called a man.”-written by Bill Broonzy

This song is about not being called a man because of not having the rights of other men. The slaves were not considered to be people which did not them have any of the rights as property owners.

1. “I shall not be moved” written by The Harmonizing Four

This song is about making a stand for what you think is right and not being pushed around.

1. “I’m on my way” –written by Mahalia Jackson

This song is about almost reaching where you want to be. The lyric “I’m on my way”, is sang several times.

1. “Strange Fruit” written by AbelMeeropol in 1937

It is about the former black slaves of South America. These slaved were hanged by the whites and were not accepted by society.

1. “Aint gonna let no fear turn me round” Sweet honey and the roots

This song is about not letting someone’s hate make you change your views or quit. This song was very inspiring to African American’s in that it emphasized that no matter how tough it gets, they will not stop until they reach their goals.

1. “It’s a long way to DC, but I got my walking shoes on”

This song is about how long of a journey it is for African Americans but they are not afraid to go the distance.

1. “Blowing in the wind” written by Bob Dillan

This song is about asking how much a person must go through before they are recognized as who they truly are.

1. “Freedom is a coming and it Won’t Be Long”

This song is about almost reaching the goal that African American’s have worked for so long to achieve. They have finally reached the end of oppression and it won’t be long until they are free.