

To Dr. Jessica Napoles and the University of Utah Women's Chorus

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray

SSA Chorus and Piano*

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Based on a traditional spiritual

Ranges: Soprano I Soprano II Alto



① **Moderato** ♩ = c. 84

4 SS *f*

Way— down **yon - der, — way— down on my knees,

A *f*

Way— down **yon - der, — way— down on my knees,

Duration: approx. 2:45

*Also available: SSATBB (15/2459H); Performance/Accompaniment CD (99/2261H)

**“yonder” should be sung “yon-duh” each time.

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8 *p* 2

way— down yon - der,— I *could-n't hear no-bod-y pray.

way— down yon - der,— I *could-n't hear no-bod-y pray.

p

12 *f*

Way— down yon - der,— way— down

Way— down yon - der,— way— down

f

15 *p*

on my knees, way— down yon - der,— I

on my knees, way— down yon - der,— I

p

15/2460H-3 *"couldn't" should be sung without the "t" each time: "could-n"

18 3 *mf*

could-n't hear no-bod-y pray. I could-n't hear no-bod-y pray, I

could-n't hear no-bod-y pray. I could-n't hear no-bod-y pray, I

mf

22

could-n't hear no-bod-y pray. Well, way down yon-der by—my-self, I

could-n't hear no-bod-y pray. Well, way down yon-der by—my-self, I

26 4 *mp*

could-n't hear no-bod-y pray. I could-n't hear no-bod-y pray. I

could-n't hear no-bod-y pray. I could-n't hear no-bod-y pray. I

mp

30

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray. Well, way down yon - der by— my - self, I

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray. Well, way down yon - der by— my - self, I

mf

mf

mf

34

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray! Way— down yon - der,—

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray! Way— down yon - der,—

p *f*

p *f*

p *f*

38

way— down on my knees, way— down yon - der,— I

way— down on my knees, way— down yon - der,— I

p

p

p

42

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray! *f* Way— down yon - der,—

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray! *f* Way— down yon - der,—

46

way— down on my knees, way— down yon - der,— I

way— down on my knees, way— down yon - der,— I

50

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray. *SII mp* I could-n't hear no-bod - y

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray. *SI*

could-n't hear no-bod - y pray. *mp*

53 SII

pray, I could-n't hear no-bod - y pray. Well,

SI, A *mp*

in the val - ley, on my knees, —

56

mf way down yon - der by — my - self, *p* I could-n't hear no-bod - y

59

mp pray. I could-n't hear no-bod - y pray, I

mp with my Je - sus