

# Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

for Handbells (3, 4, or 5 octaves)

Handbells used: 35, 43, 52

**PERFORMANCE NOTES:**

- 3-octave ensembles should omit notes in ( ).
- 4-octave ensembles should omit notes in [ ].
- 3 or 4-octave ensembles should omit notes in <>.

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*Based on the African American Spiritual*

Slow blues ♩ = ca. 70 Swing ♩ =  $\frac{3}{4}$

6 7 8

9 10 11

12 13 14 *mp* *p*

15 16 17 *mp* *p*

18 *mf* 19 20 Sk ~~~~~ R

21 Sk ~~~~~ RT 22 Sk ~~~~~ R 23

24 **Straight eighths** *f* 25 26 **Swing eighths** *mf*

27 28 Sk ~~~~~ R 29

20/1944L-4 \*C5 are written in the treble staff in measure 25.