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# \* Ezekiel Saw de Wheel

To Dr. J. Finley Williamson and the Westminster Choir

Set for Chorus by  
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Allegro moderato (M.M. ♩ = about 112)

**SOPRANO**

**ALTO**

**TENOR**  
E-ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way up in de mid'l of de air, E-

**BASS**

Allegro moderato (M.M. ♩ = about 112)

**PIANO**  
(only for rehearsal)

3.

1.

T. ze-kul saw de wheel, Way in de mid'l of de air E-ze-kul saw de

B. E-ze-kul saw de

\*Pronounce EZEKUL when singing.

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A. *[Musical notation]*

T. *[Musical notation]*  
 wheel, 'Way up in de mid'l of de air, E - ze - kul saw de wheel,

B. *[Musical notation]*  
 wheel, 'Way up in de mid'l of de air, E - ze - kul saw de wheel,

*[Piano accompaniment]*

S. *[Musical notation]*  
 E - ze - kul saw de wheel 'Way up in de

A. *[Musical notation]*  
 E - ze - kul saw de wheel wheel - in de

T. *[Musical notation]*  
 way in de mid'l of de air. E - ze - kul saw de wheel - in de

B. *[Musical notation]*  
 way in de mid'l of de air. E - ze - kul saw de wheel - in de

*[Piano accompaniment]*

S. mid'l of de air, E - ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way in de mid'l of de air,

A. mid'l of de air, E - ze-kul saw E - ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way in de mid'l of de air;

T. mid'l of de air, E - ze-kul saw E - ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way in de mid'l of de air; De

B. mid'l of de air, E - ze-kul saw E - ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way in de mid'l of de air;

S. De lit'l' wheel run by de grace \_\_\_\_\_ of God, A wheel in a

A. De lit'l' wheel run by de grace \_\_\_\_\_ of God, A lit'l' wheel in a

T. big wheel run by faith, An' de lit'l' wheel run by de grace of God, A lit'l' wheel in a

B. A lit'l' wheel in a

*p*

wheel, 'Way in demid'l of de air. Hum

A. wheel, 'Way in demid'l of de air. Solo Hum

T. wheel, 'Way in demid'l of de air. *\*f* Bet-ter mind my brother how you walk on de cross,  
Ole Satan wears a club foot shoe,

B. wheel, 'Way in demid'l of de air.

*p*

solo *f*

*mf*

S. 'Way in demid'l of de air, *pp* Hum

A. 'Way in demid'l of de air, *mf* *pp* Hum

T. *\*f* Solo Your foot might slip, An' yer soul get lost,  
If you don't mind he'll slip it on you,

B. *pp* Tenor *pp* 'Way in de air. Hum

*mf* *pp* *pp*

First verse sung to notes with stem turned upward. Second verse sung to notes with stem turned downward.

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*mf*

S. 'Way in demid' of de air. air.

A. 'Way in demid' of de air. air.

T. 'Way in demid' of de air. air. E - ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way up in de mid' of de air, E-

B. 'Way in demid' of de air. air. E - ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way up in de mid' of de air, E-

*mf*

*p*

S. E - ze-kul saw de wheel \_\_\_\_\_ in de air; De

A. E - ze-kul saw de wheel in de air; - De

T. ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way in de mid'l of de air; -

B. ze - kul saw de wheel, \_\_\_\_\_ 'Way in de mid'l of de air;

*p*

big wheel run by faith, An' de lit' wheel run by de grace of God, A wheel in a wheel,  
 big wheel run by faith, An' de lit' wheel run by de grace of God, A wheel in a wheel,  
 An' de lit' wheel run by de grace of God, A wheel in a wheel,  
 De big wheel run by faith, And de grace of God, A wheel in a wheel,

'Way in de mid'l of de air. Some go to  
 'Way in de mid'l of de air. Some go to  
 'Way in de mid'l of de air. Some go to  
 'Way in de mid'l of de air. Some go to church for to sing an' shout,  
 'Way in de mid'l of de air. Some go to church for to sing an' shout,  
 'Way in de mid'l of de air. Some go to church for to sing an' shout,  
 'Way in de mid'l of de air. Some go to church for to sing an' shout,

S. church fo' to sing an' shout Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu -

A. church fo' to sing an' shout Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu -

T. church fo' to sing an' shout Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu -

B. Hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le - lu -

S. jah! 'Way in demid' of de air.

A. jah! 'Way in demid' of de air -

T. jah! 'Way in demid' of de air -

B. jah! Be - fo' six months deys all turn'd out 'Way in demid' of de air

★ they are

EZEKIEL SAW DE WHEEL - 12 (Mixed Chorus)

T110



4 ALTOS

2 FIRST TENORS and 2 BARITONES

Soprano: [Blank staff]

Alto: [Blank staff]

Tenor 1: *fz* doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a,

Tenor 2: doom - a - loom - a, *f* doom - a - loom - a,

Bass: *fz* doom - a - loom - a,

Piano: *fz* [Piano accompaniment]

Soprano: [Blank staff]

Alto: [Blank staff]

Tenor 1: doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a,

Tenor 2: doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a,

Bass: *fz* doom - a - loom - a, *fz* doom - a - loom - a, *f* E -

Piano: *fz* [Piano accompaniment]

Repeat this section(8 measures)  
four times in the following manner.

1st time All tenors sing the 2nd tenor part in unison.  
2nd time: Tenors sing their respective parts and continue repeating with sopranos.  
3rd time: All sopranos sing the 2nd soprano part in unison.  
4th time: Sopranos sing their respective parts to the end of the piece

SOPRANOS

*f*  
ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way up in de  
*on repeat, poco a poco cresc.*

ALTOS  
*p* wheel in - a, wheel in - a, wheel in - a,  
*ppp* wheel in - a wheel in - a, wheel in - a wheel in - a, wheel in - a wheel in - a,  
*sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

4 ALTOS  
2 first and  
2 seconds  
*p* *on repeat, poco a poco cresc.*  
doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a,

2 FIRST TENORS  
2 BARITONES  
*p* *on repeat, poco a poco cresc.*  
doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a, doom - a - loom - a,

TENORS  
*on repeat, poco a poco cresc.*  
ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way up in de

BASSES  
*p* wheel in - a, wheel in - a, wheel in - a,  
*sfz* wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel,  
*sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

*on repeat, poco a poco cresc.*  
PIANO  
*p* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

mid'l of de air, E - ze-kul saw de wheel,

wheel in - a, wheel in - a, wheel in - a,

wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a

doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a,

doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a,

mid'l of de air, E - ze-kul saw de wheel,

wheel in - a, wheel in - a, wheel in - a,

wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel,

*sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

*sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

'Way in de midl of de air. E- air. E-

wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a  
*sfz* *sfz* *sfz*  
 wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a

doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a,

doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a

'Way in de midl of de air E- air. E-

wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a  
*sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*  
 wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel,

*sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

*ff Molto cresc.*

ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way up in de

*Molto cresc.*

wheel — in - a, wheel — in - a, wheel — in - a,

*ff sfz*  
wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a*ff Molto cresc.*

doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a,

*ff Molto cresc.*

doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a,

*ff Molto cresc.*

ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way up in de

*Molto cresc.*

wheel in - a, wheel in - a, wheel in - a,

*ff sfz*  
wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel,*Molto cresc.**sfz**sfz**sfz**ff**sfz**sfz**sfz*

*Ad libitum*

mid'l of de air, E - ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way in de

wheel in - a, wheel in - a, wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel in - a wheel, 'Way in de

doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, wheel, 'Way in de

doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, doom-a-loom-a, wheel, 'Way in de

mid'l of de air, E - ze-kul saw de wheel, 'Way in de

wheel in - a, wheel in - a, wheel, wheel, wheel

*Ad libitum*

*ff a tempo*  
air.

\* *ffz sffz sffz sffz sffz*  
 mid - dle of de, 'Way up in de air.

*sffz sffz sffz sffz sffz*  
 mid - dle of de, 'Way up in de air.

*sffz sffz sffz sffz sffz*  
 mid - dle of de, 'Way up in de air.

*sffz sffz sffz sffz sffz*  
 mid - dle of de, 'Way up in de air.

*sffz sffz sffz sffz sffz*  
 mid - dle of de, 'Way up in de air.

*sffz sffz sffz*  
 in de air

*a tempo*  
*sffz sffz sffz sffz sffz*

*sffz sffz sffz*

If first sopranos can not sustain high B<sub>b</sub> without straining, have them sing unison with second sopr.

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