

THIS OLD FREEDOM TRAIN – Traditional - Round

This old freedom train
Is such a long time in a comin',
There ain't no one cain't afford it,
So you'd better get aboard it

Singin that (clap) Free-ee-dom,
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Singin that Freedom,
Freedom,
Freedom
CH CH CH!

Performance Notes:

Starting Note: Middle C

Count: 1-2-3-4

1. Once in unison
1. Twice in a three-part round (This old freedom train//)
2. Each section continuing with 'Freedom, Freedom, Freedom' after singing round twice

History:

Many songs carried secret messages of rebellion with words such as 'train' referring to a train of people who would hide enslaved Africans as they made their way to freedom from the South to the North of America before the Civil War, as well as their descendants one hundred years later, who fought in the civil rights movement.

Many Spiritual songs have different versions because they have been passed from generation to generation verbally.