

You Better Mind

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Spiritual

Soprano
You bet-ter mind! You bet-ter mind! —

Alto
You bet-ter mind! You bet-ter mind! —

Tenor
You bet-ter mind! You bet-ter mind! —

Bass
You bet-ter mind! You bet-ter mind! —

Piano
(for rehearsal only)

mp
You bet-ter mind. —

mp
You bet-ter mind. —

mp
You bet-ter mind. —

mp
mind — You bet-ter

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you bet-ter mind, — you bet-ter mind, —

you bet-ter mind, — you bet-ter mind, —

mind. — you bet-ter

mind — mind —

The first system of the musical score consists of four vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics "you bet-ter mind," followed by a melodic line. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands.

— you bet-ter mind, — you bet-ter mind! mind! mind! Oh,

— you bet-ter mind, — you bet-ter mind! mind! mind! Oh,

mind, — you bet-ter mind, you bet-ter mind! mind! mind!

— mind — you bet-ter mind! mind! mind!

The second system continues the musical piece, with the vocal parts repeating the phrase "you bet-ter mind" and adding exclamations like "mind!" and "Oh,". The piano accompaniment continues to support the vocal lines with harmonic accompaniment.

Slowly Bright Jazz tempo (♩ = 208)

You bet-ter mind! Oh, you bet-ter mind You got to

You bet-ter mind, mind, mind! Oh, you bet-ter mind, mind, mind! You got to

Mind, mind, mind! Mind, mind, mind! You got to

Mind, mind, mind! Mind, mind, mind! You got to

Slowly * Bright Jazz tempo (♩ = 208)

give an ac-count - at de judg-ment, you bet-ter mind! Oh, you bet-ter

give an ac-count - at de judg-ment, you bet-ter mind, you bet-ter mind. Oh, you bet-ter

give an ac-count - at de judg-ment, you bet-ter mind, you bet-ter mind.

give an ac-count - at de judg-ment, you bet-ter mind, you bet-ter mind.

* Piano may play background rhythm if pianist has "the beat?"

2 *div.* *(gliss.)*

du du du

mind! du du du *(gliss.)*

mind! You bet-ter 1. mind how_ you talk_ } You bet-ter mind what you're (talk - in' a - bout -
2. mind how_ you shout_ } (shout - in' a - bout -

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2. mind how_ you shout_ } (shout - in' a - bout -

2

du! You got to give an ac-count_ at de judg-ment, you bet - ter

du! You got to give an ac-count_ at de judg-ment, you bet - ter

_ 'cause you got to give an ac-count_ at de judg-ment, you bet - ter

_ 'cause you got to give an ac-count_ at de judg-ment, you bet - ter

mind. Oh, you bet - ter

mind, you bet - ter mind. mind. Oh, you bet - ter

mind, you bet - ter mind, you bet - ter mind.

mind, you bet - ter mind, you bet - ter mind.

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mind! Oh, you bet - ter mind! You got to

mind, mind, mind! Oh, you bet - ter mind, mind, mind! You got to

Mind, mind, mind! Mind, mind, mind! You got to

Mind, mind, mind! Mind, mind, mind! You got to

give an ac-count at de judg-ment, You bet-ter mind! You bet-ter

give an ac-count at de judg-ment, You bet-ter mind! You bet-ter

give an ac-count at de judg-ment, You bet-ter mind! You bet-ter

give an ac-count at de judg-ment, You bet-ter mind! You bet-ter

— Oh, you bet-ter — mind mind mind mind

mind! Oh, you bet-ter mind! mind mind mind mind

mind! mind! You bet-ter 1. mind how you sing — } You bet-ter
2. mind how you pray — }

mind! mind! You bet-ter 1. mind how you sing — } You bet-ter
2. mind how you pray — }

mind mind mind — 'cause you got to give an ac-count — at de

mind mind mind — 'cause you got to give an ac-count — at de

mind what you're ^{sing-in'}_{pray-in'} a-bout — 'cause you got to give an ac-count — at de

mind what you're ^{sing-in'}_{pray-in'} a-bout — 'cause you got to give an ac-count — at de

judg-ment, You bet - ter mind! 1

judg-ment, You bet - ter mind, you bet - ter mind!

judg-ment, You bet - ter mind, you bet - ter mind, you bet - ter

judg-ment, You bet - ter mind, you bet - ter mind, you bet - ter

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2

— Oh, you bet - ter mind! —

mind! Oh, you bet - ter mind, my broth - er, mind! —

mind! Oh, you bet - ter mind, my broth - er, mind! —

mind! Oh, you bet - ter mind, my broth - er, mind! —

2

— Oh, you bet - ter mind! — 'Cause you got to

— Why don't — you mind, my sis - ter, mind! — 'Cause you got to

— Why don't — you mind, my sis - ter, mind! — 'Cause you got to

— Why don't — you mind, my sis - ter, mind! — 'Cause you got to

give an ac-count_ at de judg-ment, you bet-ter mind!

give an ac-count_ at de judg-ment, you bet-ter mind, you bet-ter

give an ac-count_ at de judg-ment, you bet-ter mind, you bet-ter

give an ac-count_ at de judg-ment, you bet-ter mind, you bet-ter

Maestoso

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Oh, you bet-ter You bet-ter mind!

mind! Oh, you bet-ter mind! You bet-ter mind!

mind! Oh, you bet-ter mind! You bet-ter mind!

mind! Oh, you bet-ter mind! You bet-ter mind!

Maestoso

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