

Go Down, Moses

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WORDS: African American spiritual (Ex. 3:7-12)

**1. When Israel was
in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard
they could not stand,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**2. “Thus saith the Lord,”
bold Moses said,
let my people go;
“if not I’ll smite
your firstborn dead,”
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**3. No more shall they
in bondage toil,
let my people go;
let them come out
with Egypt's spoil,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**4. We need not always
weep and mourn,
let my people go;
and wear those slavery
chains forlorn,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**5. Come, Moses, you
will not get lost,
let my people go;
stretch out your rod
and come across,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**6. As Israel stood
by the water's side,
let my people go;
at God's command
it did divide,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**7. When they had reached
the other shore,
let my people go;
they sang a song
of triumph o'er,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**8. O Moses, the cloud
shall cleave the way,
let my people go;
a fire by night,
a shade by day,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**9. Your foes shall not
before you stand,
let my people go;
and you'll possess
fair Canaan's land,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**10. This world's a
wilderness of woe,
let my people go;
O let us on
to Canaan go,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

**11. O let us all
from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all
in Christ be free,
let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, (go down)
Moses, (Moses)
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**