Performance Notes

- Aim for an earthy and full-bodied tone.
- Some of the rhythms don't match up exactly, and that's okay! It's supposed to feel organic.
- When thigh slaps and claps come in, make it gradual. Start with a few singers and let it inspire others around them to start.
- Keep the narrative in mind (see the program notes) and have fun!

Program Notes

Paul John Rudoi's arrangement of *Yonder Come Day* deepens the traditional Georgia Sea Islands tune with a narrative journey. Through other well known spirituals, including *Hush*, *Hush*, *Somebody's Calling My Name*, *Steal Away*, and *Swing Low*, *Sweet Chariot*, we move forward and upward, hoping for a better day.

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A brand new day, yonder come day.

Oh come on child,

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Oh day, yonder come day. I was on my knees, yonder come day. When I heard him say, yonder come day. Oh come on child,

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Steal away, steal away, I ain't got long to stay here.
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.
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Yonder Come Day

for Tenor Solo, TTBB Chorus unaccompanied

Traditional Georgia Sea Islands Text

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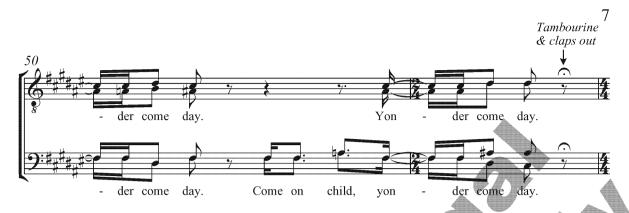














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