

Religion Is a Fortune

An African American spiritual [Am]

Arranged by *Hall Johnson* (1888–1970) [Am]

	Oh,	religion	is	a	Fortune,	
(MA)	[o:ʊ	ɹɪ.'lɪ.dʒən	ɪz	ʌ	'fɔɹ̩.tʃən] ¹	
(GA)	[o:ʊ	ɹɪ.'lɪ.dʒən	ɪz	ʌ	'fɔə̃.tʃən]	
	Gonter	set	down	in	the	Kingdom,
(MA)	['go:ʊn.tə	sɛt	dɑ:ʊn	ɪn	ðʌ	'kɪŋ.dəm]
(GA)	['go:ʊn.tə	sɛt	dɑ:ʊn	ɪn	ðʌ	'kɪŋ.dəm]

Gonter see ma sister Mary,
Gonter see ma Massa Jesus,
I really do believe,
Where Sabbath has no en'.

Where you been po' mo'ner,
Where you been young convert,
Where you been back slider,
Oh, where you been so long?
I been away down in the Valley fer ter pray,
An' I ain't done prayin' yet,

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IPA transcription and translation is available for download.

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¹ The IPA transcription is given in modified both Mid-Atlantic (MA) and General American (GA) pronunciation.