

Advanced Popular Music Harmony  
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**Due: 10 November**

### Fall Term Group Recording Assignment

Group	Students	Source	Style Model
1	[name] [name] [name]	The Carter Family, "Can The Circle Be Unbroken"	The Rev. James Cleveland and the Southern California Community Gospel Choir, "On Our Way"
2	[name] [name] [name]	Willie Nelson, "Uncloudy Day"	Sam Cooke & The Soul Stirrers, "He's My Rock"
3	[name] [name] [name]	Hank Williams, "I Saw The Light"	The Gospel Harmonettes, "Let's Come In Thy House"
4	[name] [name] [name]	The Cox Family, "Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown?"	Rev. Julius Cheeks & The Modulations, "Nobody's Fault But Mine"

**Assignment:** This assignment is both a cover and a pastiche, but of different songs. Each group is to take the assigned country gospel song and perform it in the style of the assigned southern black gospel song.

As before, you are free to divide up the work any way you see fit as a group. Be aware that you will each receive the aggregate mark for the group—*unless you fail to participate equally* (in which case your mark may be adjusted as appropriate in the judgment of the instructor). Each group's song will be played in class on the due date, with the standard opportunity for positive feedback from your classmates.

Undoubtedly, the most difficult part will be the vocals but this is also the part that is most central to the assignment. A suggestion that might help with this: The approach to vocals is less that of a unified group than of a collection of individuals. In other words, don't blend your voices together as in a conventional choir but instead give them some free play. Small improvisational elements can deliver a great deal of impact. Timbre is also an important issue: Rough or distinctively individual sounds are as useful in this context as conventionally beautiful ones. You are allowed to bring in guest *vocalists* only, but you should do all the arranging.

**Format:** Bring your song to class on the due date on a conventional audio CD. Do not e-mail it to me!