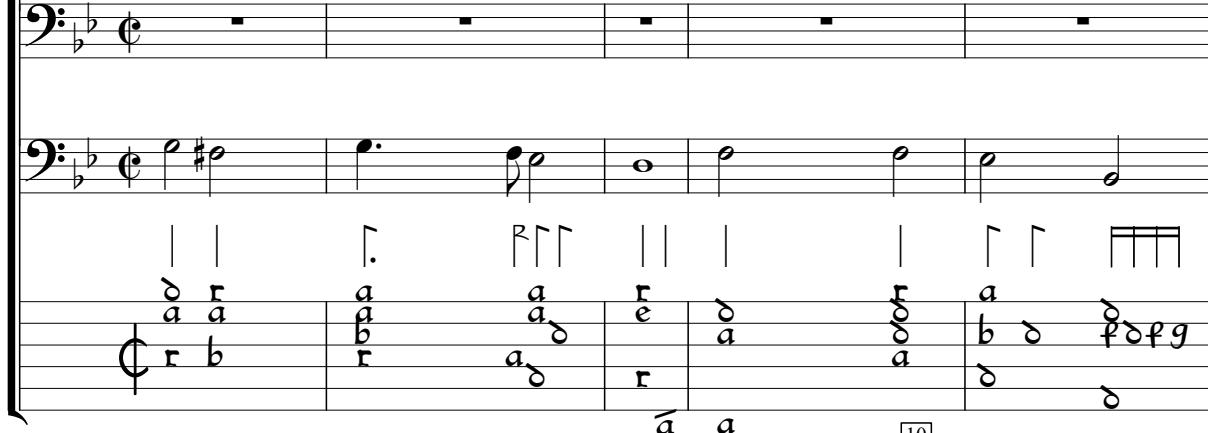


Charon, O Charon

Robert Johnson

Spirit | 

Cha- ron, oh Cha- ron, come a- way! Why dost thou let me call so long?

Charon | 

When time, thou know'st, for none will stay; In which thou dost me dou- ble wrong.

Ho!



15 ho! What has-ty wight doth call? Say whence thou com'st, or whi- ther would'st thou



go; Nor Cha- ron nor his boat were made for all That call for to be waft- ed to and fro:
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Oh, list to me, and I
 Did love or hon-our send thee? Say! If not, then Cha- ron means to stay.
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will tell The cause of my sad fate:
 Go on, poor soul, I hear thee well, And wilt thy woes, thy

poor fool! This fool-ish, wan-ton, blind, un-con-stant boy, Doth send more souls sun- to my boat and me,

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Oh! had'st thou

Than all the gods that death doth stillem-ploy, Or fa-tal de- sti-nies, the si-ster shree.

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been of hu-man race Thou could'st not breathe forth such dis-grace Of Love, to term him foolish, blin-

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But would'st have borne a gent- ler mind.

Wo-men and fools, they are his sub-jects still;

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Thou-sand sof such heus- eth in the ir kind; He makes them whine, and cry, and sigh, but still They be as deaf

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and dumb as he is blind Then laughs at them and sends them tumb- ling, tumb- ling, tumb- ling hi- ther, Re-

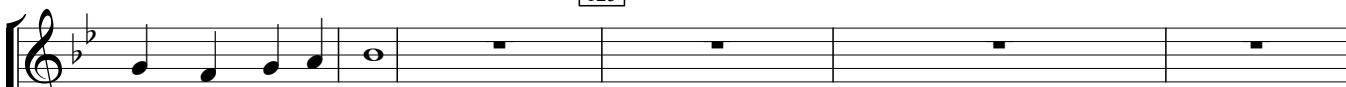
100 Cha-ron! I pri-thee hastea-way;
 spect-ing them, norme, norwind, norwea-ther.
 I come.

105 My time's pre-fixt; I can no long-er stay Thrice wel-come now at last.
 Oh, here I come.

110 Then come a-board, and to those plea-sures haste, That in E-li-ziz-um grow.

115 For those I long, And

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wish there still to live.

Then with a song In spite of Love, as I do waft thee thi- ther, We'll

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Then to those fields then to those fields then to those fields,

sing of joys, and all de-lights to- ge-ther. Then to those fields then to those fields,

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and most de-light- ful plains Where lov- ers gain their joys, and end, and end their pains.

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