

Let's Make a Deal

The Ballad of Balaam

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Freely and lustily

E A B E A B E

1. There once was a seer named Balaam Whose prophecy never did fail him.

A/E E A/E E E/B B E

He focused his sight On the Israelites, For Moab sought help to assail them.

9 A/E A E A B E A B

2. Enticed by the prospect of wages, Of honor, of fame through the a-

13 B E A/E E A/E E

- ges; He hoped that a curse Would fat-ten his purse, And

16 E/B B E A/E E

keen - ly addressed Moab's pa-ges, "Let's make a deal. Let's make a deal.

A B E

I've con-sid-ered your offer and see its appeal. You lead the way and I'll

23 A/E E B A E Accomp. ad lib. (traveling music)

stay at your heel. Let's make a deal."

8 A B E A B

3. The beast that was car-ry-ing Ba-laam, That never was wont to cur-tail

32 B E A/E E A/E E

him, Turned out of the way, And fell down and lay, For an

35 E/B B E E/G# B⁵ E⁵ B⁵ N.C.

an - gel sought cause to im-pale him.

Ba - laam, Ba - laam! An

39 E G#⁷ C#⁵


4. Thun-der-struck Ba-laam found

an-gel sought cause to im-pale him! Aah_____

42 C#⁵ G#⁵ C#⁵ E⁵ F#⁵ C#⁵


no hid-ing place. Con-fes-sing his sin, he fell flat on his face.

Aah_____

45 *A/E E A/E E A/E E*

 "I didn't know what Your will really was! If You want, I'll go back to my

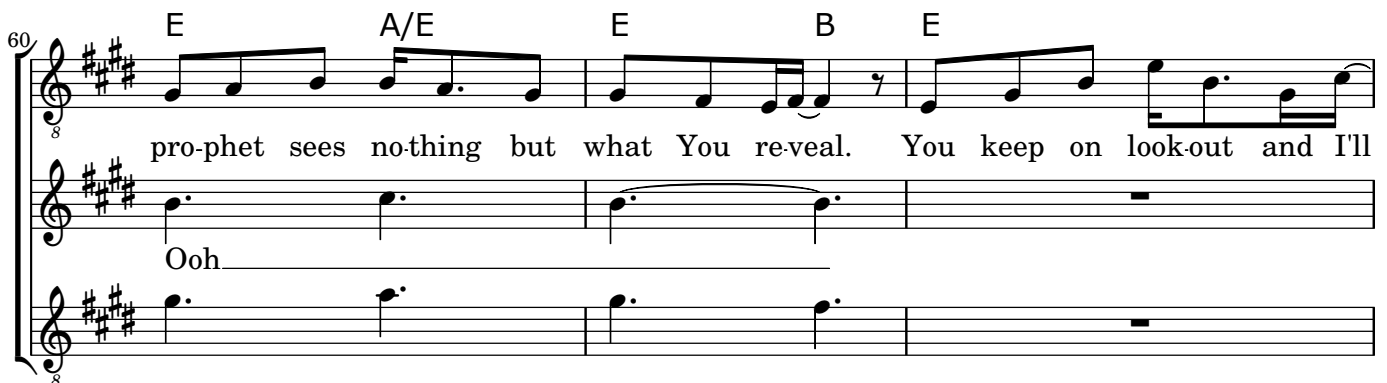
48 *B E A B E A B*
 Speak: *But the angel said...*

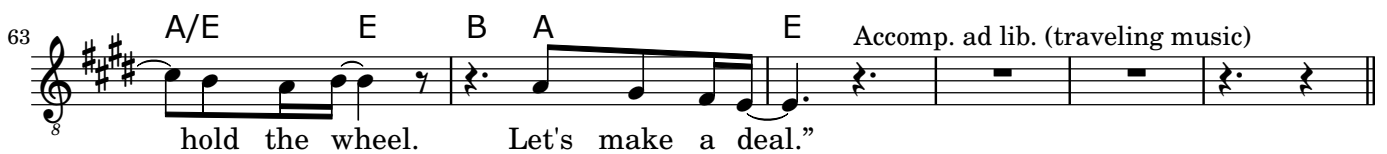
 home!" 5. "Go forward, my message re-laying, But only the words I am

53 *B E A/E E A/E E*

 say-ing." He stood up and went, But did not re-lent: As he

56 *E/B B E A/E E*

 rode on, i-magine him praying, "Let's make a deal. Let's make a deal. A
 Ooh

60 *E A/E E B E*

 prophet sees nothing but what You reveal. You keep on look-out and I'll
 Ooh

63 *A/E E B A E* *Accomp. ad lib. (traveling music)*

 hold the wheel. Let's make a deal."

6. They slew many beasts on the al - tar, To make the Lord's constancy falter;

But such sacri-fice Could never suffice His ho - ly injunction to al - ter.

7. The men received word from on high Proclaiming that God can not lie And

Ooh_____ Ooh_____

man shall not curse Whom God would not curse, Nor de-fy

Aah_____ Nor de-fy

whom He would not de-fy. 8. And Balaam ac-knowl-edged the lesson; The

whom He would not de-fy.

Lord had commanded a blessing. He blessed them a-gain, Again, and again;

A - men.

a tempo

8 And now we can hear him con - fess-ing: B B/A

94 B/G# B/F# E A/E E
 "Let's make a deal. Let's make a deal.' The per-

97 E A B E A/E E
 en-nial motto of fraud-ulent zeal. 'Grant me the pow-er to do what I feel!

101 B A E B⁵ E⁵ B⁵
 Let's make a deal.' The al-might-y Pot-ter is spin-ning His wheel.
 Aah

105 B⁵ E⁵ B⁵ E
 Don't be caught wan-dering when you should kneel. Tender your heart and let
 Aah Ooh

108 A/E E G#^{7 sus4} G#⁷ C#m A E
 Him press his seal. That is the deal. That is the deal."