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Read 'Em, John (Two-Part Version)

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$\text{♩} = 130$

The musical score is arranged for Clap, Soprano, Alto, and Piano. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 130. The first system shows the Clap part with a whole rest, and the vocal parts (Soprano and Alto) with whole rests. The piano accompaniment starts with a series of chords and eighth notes. The second system shows the vocal parts with lyrics: Soprano: "O! John," and Alto: "O! John,". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. The third system shows the vocal parts with lyrics: Soprano: "he brought the let - ters, put 'em down on the ta - ble. Trou-ble is we cain't read ___ 'em." and Alto: "he brought the let - ters, laid 'em down on the ta - ble. Trou-ble is we cain't read ___ 'em." The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern.

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Read 'Em John

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11

Clap

S

Read 'em to us, John. Read 'em John, read 'em, John. Read 'em, John,

A

Read 'em to us, John. Read 'em, read 'em, John. Read 'em,

Pno.

16

Clap

S

read 'em, John. Read 'em, John, O John! Read 'em to us, John.

A

read 'em, John. Read 'em, John, John! Read 'em to us, John.

Pno.

21

Clap

S

Two by two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight.

A

One by one, three, four, five, six, seven and eight.

Pno.

Read 'Em John

4

38

Clap

S



— us so the spi - rit could move through us. Now ya read the let - ter. It's —

A



— us so the spi - rit could move through us. Now ya read the let - ter. It's —

Pno.



42

Clap

S



— e - ven bet - ter. Read 'em to us, John! —

A



— e - ven bet - ter. Read 'em to us, John! Read 'em, John, —

Pno.



46

Clap

S



Read 'em, John. Read 'em, John. John, —

A



read 'em, John. Read 'em, John, read 'em, John. Read 'em, John, —

Pno.



50

Clap

S

A

Pno.

O John! Read 'em, John; it's the E man - ci - pa - tion Pro - cla - ma - tion.

read 'em, John! Read 'em, John; it's the E - - man - ci - pa - tion Pro - cla - ma - tion.

55

Clap

S

A

Pno.

Read 'em to us, John, Juh - Juh - John! Lin - coln's no - tion is like a po - tion.

Read 'em to us, John, Juh - Juh - John! Lin - coln's no - tion is like a po - tion.

59

Clap

S

A

Pno.

Read 'em to us, John! Oh John! Read 'em, John.

Read 'em to us, John! Read 'em, John, read 'em, John.

Read 'Em John

6
63

Clap

S

A

Pno.



Read 'em, John. John, O John!

Read 'em, John, read 'em, John. Read 'em, John, read 'em, John!

67

Clap

S

A

Pno.



Read 'em, Oh read 'em, John, we gon-na read 'em, read 'em, read 'em and weep. We're

Read 'em, Oh read 'em, John, we gon-na read 'em, read 'em, read 'em and weep. We're

71

Clap

S

A

Pno.



so ex-ci - ted we cain't sleep. We gon - na read 'em, read 'em, read 'em, - John!

so ex-ci - ted we cain't sleep. We gon - na read 'em, read 'em, read 'em, - John!

Read 'Em John

8

84

Clap

S

O some-bo-dy teach us how tuh read 'em? We wan-na read 'em, 'cuz

A

teach us how? some-bo-dy teach us how tuh read 'em? We wan-na read 'em, 'cuz

Pno.

88

Clap

S

they bring free-dom. We have been kept in the dark, but now we

A

they bring free-dom. We have been kept in the dark, but now we

Pno.

92

Clap

S

have a spark! Teach us how duh read like the rab - bi.

A

have a spark! Teach us how duh read 'em, John.

Pno.

95

Clap

S

A

Pno.

Teach us how duh write like the pro - phets. Teach us how tuh

Teach us how duh write like the pro - phets. Teach us how tuh

98

Clap

S

A

Pno.

read 'em, John! Read 'em! Read 'em! Read 'em! Read 'em!

read 'em, John! Read 'em! Read 'em! Read 'em! Read 'em!

102

Clap

S

A

Pno.

Read 'em! Read 'em. Read 'em to us, John!

Read 'em! Read 'em. Read 'em to us, John!