

I Want to be Ready

This spiritual was sung charmingly by the two Badgett Sisters on a 'Living Traditions' tour of Australia. Connie and Celester sing the two lower parts shown here; a soprano part has been added. The coda refrain lends itself to improvisation.

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Traditional

♩ = 70

Soprano part (S) and two vocal parts (A) with piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: I want to be ready I want to be ready

Vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: I want to be ready, to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem, just like John.

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foot may slip and your soul-a-be-a lost— Walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John.

Walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John.

9. *CODA*

Walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John, Walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John,

Walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John,

Walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John.

Walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John.

Brother, better mind how you walk on the Cross—
 your foot may slip and your soul-a be-a lost.
 I know my robe's goin' to fit me well,
 I tried it on at the gates of hell.

John said the city was just four-square;
 and he declared he'd meet me there.
 When Peter was preaching at Pentecost,
 he was endowed with the Holy Ghost.