

Wings of a Dove

for the Melody Makers, in the style of Ferlin Husky

"Wings of a Dove" - ONE OF THE TOP FIVE GOSPEL COUNTRY HITS OF ALL TIME

written by Bob Ferguson in 1958 - most popular when it was recorded by Ferlin Husky in 1960

- number one on the country charts for 10 nonconsecutive weeks - successful on the pop charts, as well - in 1987, Broadcast Music Incorporated awarded Ferguson with the "million air" plays for the "Wings of a Dove" - the song alludes to several passages from the Christian Bible about doves sent by the Lord, including a verse about God sending Noah a dove during the flood in Genesis 8:6-12 - Dolly Parton's and Porter Wagoner's cover versions include a verse not in the original, referring to another passage about a dove in Matthew 3:16 where "After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him."

Score for Voice 1 and Voice 2, featuring lyrics and musical notation.

Voice 1

4 5 6

mf On the wings of a [snow white

Voice 2

4

mf [snow white

7 8 9 10

dove] He sends his [pure sweet love] The sign from a - bove

dove] [pure sweet love] (sign from a -

11 12 13 14

On the wings of a dove When trou-bles sur - round us,

bove) (on the wings of a dove) Ooo, _____

15 16 17 18 19

when e-vils come The bod-y grows weak, the spir-it grows

(bod-y grows weak)

20 21 22 23 24

numb. When these things be - set us, He does-n't for - get us

(spir-it grows numb) ooo, _____

25 God sent down His love — On the wings of a dove

(sent down His love) (on the wings of a

29 On the wings of a [snow white dove] He sends his

(dove) [snow white dove]

32 [pure sweet love] A sign from a - bove On the wings of a

[pure sweet love] (sign from a - bove)

36 dove

37 *mf* When No-ah had drift - ed on the flood man-y days

(on the wings of a dove) Ooo, _____

41 He searched for land in var-i-ous ways Troub-les, he

(he searched for land) (var-i-ous ways)

46 had some, but he was-n't for - got - ten He sent him His love —

ooo, _____ (sent down His

51 On the wings of a dove On the [wings of a
love) (on the wings of a dove)

54 snow white dove] He sends his [pure sweet
[snow white dove] [pure sweet

57 love] A sign from a - bove On the wings of a dove.
love] (sign from a - bove) (on the wings of a

61 When Je-sus went down to the riv-er that day He was bap-
dove) Ooo, _____

66 tized in the us-u-al way When John bap-tized God's Son,
(he was bap - tized) (us-u-al way) ooo, _____

71 God told him, "Well done" And He sent him His love _____
(sent him His

75 On the wings of a dove On the [wings of a
(love) (on the wings of a dove)

78 snow white dove] He sends his [pure sweet love] A sign from a-
[snow white dove] [pure sweet love]

82 bove On the wings of a dove He sent him His
(sent him His love) (on the wings of a dove)

86 love On the wings of a dove *molto rit.*
(sent him His love) (on the wings of a dove)

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a piece titled 'Wings of a Dove'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes lyrics and musical notations such as notes, rests, and slurs. The lyrics are: 'On the wings of a dove', 'On the [wings of a love]', 'snow white dove] He sends his [pure sweet love] A sign from a-', 'bove On the wings of a dove He sent him His', and 'love On the wings of a dove'. There are also parenthetical lyrics: '(love)', '(on the wings of a dove)', '(sent him His love)', and '(on the wings of a dove)'. The score is numbered 75 through 88. The tempo marking 'molto rit.' appears above measure 88.