

## ***“Jacob’s Ladder”/“Get Back”***

**Doris Troy**

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**Label as1**

Apple

1824

Apple label with “MFD. BY APPLE” on the sliced side.



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**DORIS TROY—Apple 1824**  
JACOB'S LADDER (Harrisongs, BMI)  
GET BACK (Maclen, BMI)  
Doris is stronger than ever and she  
even produced her own. What a power-  
ful gospel sound!  
★★★★

**DORIS TROY (Apple 1824)**  
Jacob's Ladder (3:02) (Harrisongs,  
BMI — Trad/Arr: Harrison, Troy)  
Powerful Gospel treatment of the  
folk, spiritual classic "Jacob's Lad-  
der." Aimed at FM and top forty as  
well as R&B stations, the side could  
gain enough from each field to build  
sales momentum. Flip: "Get Back"  
(3:04) (Maclen, BMI — Lennon,  
McCartney)

The A-side began its history some time in the first quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as a spiritual called, “We are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder.” The song was sung by slaves and had an undertone of emancipation to it. By around 1875, singers were attaching the chorus from another song, “Rise and Shine,” not only to “We are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” but to other spirituals as well. New editions added new verses, and the song adapted to the changes.

As a gospel song, the congregation normally sings “Jacob’s Ladder” as a call-and-response song, and Doris Troy’s version follows that pattern, with the other members of her choir singing the response sections. This arrangement also features two instrumental solos and a rock/soul beat and might be one of the most outstanding recordings of the song.



Mar.  $\text{♩} = 40 \approx 74\frac{1}{2}$ . **WE ARE CLIMBING JACOB'S LADDER.** Arr. by H. B. F.

1. We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, We are climbing Ja-cob's lad-der, We are climbing, high-er, high-er, Sol-dier of the cross.  
 2. Do you think I'll make a sol-dier, Do you think I'll make a sol-dier, Do you think I'll make a sol-dier, Sol-dier of the cross.  
 3. Think I saw the migh-ty arm-y, Think I saw the migh-ty arm-y, Think I saw the migh-ty arm-y, Sol-dier of the cross.  
 4. See the migh-ty Sav-iour com-ing, See the migh-ty Sav-iour com-ing, See the migh-ty Sav-iour com-ing, Sol-dier of the cross.  
 5. We are list-ed in the arm-y, We are list-ed in the arm-y, We are list-ed in the arm-y, Sol-dier of the cross.  
 6. We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, We are climbing Ja-cob's lad-der, We are climbing, high-er, high-er, Sol-dier of the cross.

**WE ARE CLIMBING JACOB'S LADDER.**

We are climb-ing — Ja-cob's lad-der, We are climb-ing —  
 Ja-cob's lad-der, We are — climb-ing —  
 Ja-cob's — lad-der — So'-dier ob de cross.

**No. 96. Rise and Shine.**

Oh, brethren, rise and shine, and give God the glo-ry, glo-ry,  
 Then you must rise, &c.

Rise and shine, and give God the glo-ry, glo-ry.

**FIN.**  
 Rise and shine, and give God the glory, for the year of Ju-bi-lee.

Eberly round goes higher, higher, etc. so'dier ob de cross.  
 Sinner do you love my Jesus etc. so'dier ob de cross.  
 If you love him why not serve him etc. so'dier ob de cross.  
 Do you think I'll make a soldier etc. so'dier ob de cross.  
 Faithful prayer will make a soldier etc. so'dier ob de cross.