

This Little Light Of Mine

Words & Music:
Harry Dixon Loes

Since this was collected by John Lomax in 1939, it was widely thought to be a Traditional Spiritual. However, it does not exist in any of the collections of jubilee or plantation songs from the 19th century. So, Loes is most likely the actual songwriter (ca. 1920) and not just someone who was the first to copyright it. Because it was considered traditional, many people have added their own lyrics to the song over the years.

CHORUS:

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This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Oh, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CHORUS:

Down in my heart, I'm gonna let it shine.

Down in my heart, I'm gonna let it shine.

Down in my heart, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CHORUS:

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

CHORUS: