Mercedes Benz

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Traditionally, of course, this is a capella and done "in one take". But a friend has figured out the chords so one can do this as an uptempo gospel tune.

[spoken] I'd like to do a song of great social & political import.

A D7 A

Oh Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz?

A E7

My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends.

A A7 D7 A

Worked hard all my lifetime, no help from my friends,

A D7 E7 A

So, Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz?

Oh, Lord, won't you buy me a color TV?
"Dialing For Dollars" is trying to find me.
I wait for delivery each day until three,
So, Lord, won't you buy me a color TV?

Oh, Lord, won't you buy me a night on the town? I'm counting on you, Lord, please don't let me down. Well, prove that you love me and buy the next round, Oh, Lord, won't you buy me a night on the town?

[spoken] Everybody!

Oh, Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz?
My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends,
Worked hard all my lifetime, no help from my friends,
So, Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz?

[spoken] That's it!