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By and By: Charles Albert Tindley, the Father of Gospel Music

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This historical children's book uses rhyme and verse to tell the story of Charles Albert Tindley, the father of Gospel music. The story is told from Tindley's perspective. He was born in Maryland where his mother was free, but his father was a slave. He learned to read and loved the Bible and church. As an adult he moved to Philadelphia where he got married, worked odd jobs, and studied to become a pastor. Through hardship in both his own life and the life of his congregation, Tindley pointed them to God and wrote Gospel songs of hope. Young readers will be delighted by the rhyming verses and easy rhythm throughout the book. The illustrations are composed of watercolor and collages, offering a vivid look into the life of Charles Tindley. Further information on his life is included in the back of the book inspiring readers to learn more about the famous Gospel music writer and perhaps listen to some of his songs for themselves.

Recommended *Elly McGillivray Watkins, Centennial Library Intern, Cedarville University*