

Golden Age of Gospel Music

1945

Mahalia Jackson records
"Move On Up A Little
Higher"



Echoes of Eden
Broadcast

1950

Clara Ward composes and
records "How I Got Over"

Albertina Walker forms The
Caravans



Mahalia Jackson
performs at Carnegie
Hall, NY

Alex Bradford composed and
recorded "Too Close Too
Heaven"

Mahalia Jackson began a
radio series on CBS

1955

Clara Ward & The Ward
Singers perform at the
Newport Jazz Festival



Mahalia Jackson
performs at Newport Jazz
Festival



Swan Silvertones record
their greatest song "Mary,
Don't You Weep"

1960

Mahalia Jackson performs at a
John F. Kennedy Inauguration

Off-Broadway debut of Black
Nativity, written by Langston
Hughes – features gospel music

Bessie Griffin performs
on the Ed Sullivan Show



Mahalia Jackson sings
during the March on
Washington, D.C.



Civil Rights Act signed

Broadway debut of Tambourines
to Glory, written by Hughes and
Jobe Huntley – features gospel
music

1965