Guiding Questions for “John Brown’s Body”—Musical Composition

1. How does the music make you feel? _____________________________
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2. What instruments do you hear? _________________________________

3. Who seems to be singing? _________________________________

4. How do you think the singers are feeling? _________________________

5. When do you think this song would have been sung? ________________

6. Does this song make you feel like moving? ________________________

7. Does this song remind you of any other songs? _____________________
Guiding Questions for “John Brown’s Body”—Lyrics

1. Who is this song about? ________________________________

2. What does the song say about John Brown? __________________________
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3. Who does the song compare John Brown to? _____________________

4. Is John Brown a good person in this song? ______________________

5. When do you think these words were written? ________________

6. Why do you think William W. Patton wrote these words? __________

7. Do you think William W. Patton was from the North or the South? _____
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   Why? ____________________________________________________________________

8. Why do you think it’s important for us to look at this song? _________
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