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## Martha Tolton

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**Please read or memorize for your audition script video in your casting application for Saint Luke Productions.  
(Either is acceptable, but memorization is very helpful.)**

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- 1) Every hour in the day we could hear the whip going. The day before we escaped was the last straw. The overseer tied Gus up – and whipped him with a hickory switch. He used to get great bunches of these switches and hang them up in his house to dry, and then take five or six at a time and wear them out, and send for more. He would whip till he was tired and then sit down on a stump, and when rested, begin again. His son-in-law came over from his plantation to help him whip my son. He was very strong, and could strike harder than the old man.
- 2) Listen to me. God is calling you, my son. Augustus, listen to me. God is calling you, my son. I truly believe he wants you for his own. But it's not going to be easy - everywhere you go you'll find people trying to stop you. They'll tell you you can't do it. But I tell you what. If God wants something to happen, it will happen. But you have to be strong, do you understand me? You don't have to do anything. God will do it all. But that doesn't mean you can give up. You just put one foot in front of the other, and keep moving. Remember what Saint Paul says: Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ...for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

**Thanks again for taking the time to prepare these pieces. We pray that it will be a contemplative spiritual experience for you to perform them for this audition.**