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A Gift to White House

Favorite Nixon Song At Services

Washington

Singer Ethel Waters triumphed at a Quaker service at the White House yesterday with a rendition of the spiritual "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" that brought tears to the eyes of the worshippers.

Miss Waters, who is 74, wore a purple dress and a purple sequined pillbox hat over her white hair. She was introduced by the President to the congregation in the East Room as "the most outstanding Gospel singer in the world today."

She sang "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," one of his favorites and the title of her biography, at the President's request.

Mr. Nixon made amends for an earlier misunderstanding at the service and gave a personal handshake and his autograph to 14 year old Roberta Scott, the 1970 poster child for the National Association of Retarded Children.



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PRESIDENT NIXON AND ETHEL WATERS
She had sung 'His Eye Is on the Sparrow' for a tough audience

She came from Wichita, Kan., with her mother, Mrs. Huey Scott, and two brothers, accompanied by Kansas Senator Robert Dole, the new chairman of the Republican National Committee. The little black girl

got her worship service program signed by the President with "Best wishes to Roberta."

There had been a misunderstanding regarding an appointment for a picture-taking session with the poster child,

the first Negro selected. Mrs. Scott said the family felt bad about it, but Dole said "they never had any feeling the President overlooked them because they happened to be a different color." **A.P. & U.P.**