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THE DUBUQUE CHORALE PRESENTS

# SONGfest 2023

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SATURDAY · SEP 23 · 7:00 PM

## FEATURING THE COMBINED CHORAL TALENTS OF

- The Dubuque Chorale, Cadenza, & Children's Choirs
- Heartland Harmony
- Clarke University
- The University of Dubuque
- Emmaus Bible College
- The University of Wisconsin - Platteville

**Program Supplement**

# *Lyrics*

**O Joy!**

O joy!

Have we forsaken sadness?

Obliterate the madness of little things to sing out.

O joy!

Abandon despair all ye who enter here

Cast off heartbreak

Discard care to sing out.

I cried unto God with my voice, and He listened to me.

In the day of my trouble, I sought out the Lord;  
my pain stretched into night and never ceased:  
my soul refused to be comforted.

Then I remembered God and cried out loud;

I sang to myself and my spirit

My opening eyes were seized;

I was so agitated I could not speak.

I have thought of those old days

which I hold in my mind for years to eternity

And I meditate now

on my own heart's song that night

and sing it to my spirit.

O joy!

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### *A Silver Thread*

#### **Choir III**

You are enough. You are cherished.

You are the song we all sing.

You will become what you were made for.

Your reach is far beyond these years.

Tell yourself I am not alone in this world.

For you: an open gate, a silver thread.

#### **Choir IV**

When we're not watching a bird takes flight  
looking for a place to call its own.

And in that bird heart there lives a song  
that says I am not alone in this world.

The bird makes a nest with a silver thread.

## **needle & thread**

you                    the  
brought                needle  
& I brought the thread.  
we meant to mend our  
two broken hearts,  
but we ended up  
stitching them  
togeth  
er

## **There's No Rock Gonna Shout for Me**

There's no rock a gonna shout for me.  
There's no rock a gonna lift my praise.  
There's no rock a gonna sing my song.  
I'm gonna sing for my Jesus all the day long!

When I rise in the mornin', gonna praise the Lord!  
I'm gonna shout in the noon day! Amen!  
I'm gonna sing in the evenin' when the sun goes  
down!

I'm gonna sing for my Jesus all the day long!

I will sing of my Redeemer, I will sing His love for  
me. I will sing God's praise forever, for all  
eternity!

## **Orion**

Most mourn the falling leaves,  
The weight of death the ground receives.  
Yet you rise in winter's chill,  
And in the gloom you still believe.

Most mourn the setting sun.  
The aging day is overcome.  
Yet you rise in twilight still,  
And night reveals you one by one.

Carefully the constellations  
Bend their knees to your dictation.  
Standing guard with quiver ready,  
Stance you've held for cent'ries steady.  
Warrior high above the earth,  
Telling human beings of their worth.

Most mourn the sinking mast,  
The ocean's pull into the vast.  
Yet you rise at memory's will  
And you will stand on ages past.

## **Happy Together**

Imagine me and you, I do  
I think about you day and night, it's only right  
To think about the one you love and hold them

tight

So happy together

If I should call you up, invest a dime

And you say you belong to me, and ease my mind

Imagine how the world could be, so very fine

So happy together

I can't see me lovin' nobody but you

For all my life

When you're with me, baby the skies'll be blue

For all my life

Me and you, and you and me (You and me)

No matter how they toss the dice, it had to be

The only one for me is you, and you for me

So happy together

## **Give Us Hope**

Listen to the sound of my voice.

Can you feel the beat of my heart?

Listen to the questions I have, listen to me.

It's all very simple, to see what we need.

Give us hope, my voice is calling. Can you see?

Look in my eyes. Can you feel?

My hand is reaching.

Give us hope and we'll show you the way.

Listen to the sound of my voice.  
Can you feel the beat of my heart?  
Listen to the questions I have, listen to me.  
We are the future. Help us believe.  
Give us hope, my voice is calling. Can you see?  
Look in my eyes. Can you feel?  
My hand is reaching.  
Give us hope and we'll show you the way.  
Take my hand, now look in my eyes.  
Tell me what you see.

Give us hope, my voice is calling. Can you see?  
Look in my eyes. Can you feel?  
My hand is reaching.  
Give us hope and we'll show you the way.

## **Bogoroditse Devo**

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## **Sweet Rivers**

Sweet rivers of redeeming love  
lie just before mine eyes;  
Had I the pinions of a dove,  
I'd to those rivers fly.  
I'd rise superior to my pain,  
with joy outstrip the wind;

I'd cross o'er Jordan's stormy waves  
and leave the world behind.

A few more days, or years at most, my troubles  
will be o'er;

I hope to join the heavenly host on Canaan's  
happy shore.

My rapt'rous soul shall drink and feast in love's  
unbounded sea,

The glorious hope of endless rest  
is ravishing to me.

O! Come, my Savior, come away,  
and bear me through the sky,

Nor let thy chariot wheels delay,  
but quickly draw thou nigh.

Then I shall join the angel throng  
and circle 'round thy throne;

I'll sing through all the ages long,  
and joy to be thine own.

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I'd rise superior to my pain,  
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I'd cross o'er Jordan's stormy waves  
and leave the world behind.

Sweet rivers of redeeming love  
lie just before mine eyes;

### **Little Birch Tree**

See the little birch in the meadow.  
See the leaves all dancing when the wind blows.

From the little tree take three branches.  
Make three silver flutes from silver branches.

As I play my tingling balalaika,  
I will think of you my little birch tree.

### **As the Tree Stands Tall**

As the tree stands tall  
Deeply rooted in its virtues,  
We stand strong  
Firmly planted in hope.  
We branch out  
Providing shelter for the lost!  
As the tree stands tall  
We stand together with you.  
Like a child needs its mother  
We must all look to each other.  
Until we grow

And can fend for ourselves,  
Then we shall fight  
protecting children of our own.  
As the tree stands tall  
We stand together with you.

We know a storm is coming  
And we know it's coming soon,  
Bringing wind and thunder  
Destruction and fear.  
But come the dawn the sky will be clear...  
For though they try to cut us down  
We will never fall!  
We will stand together  
As the tree stands tall.  
When our time at last has come  
and we've sung our final song,  
It echoes with our children  
Our legacy lives on.  
In the silence you can hear  
Through the leaves our sacred call.  
As the tree stands tall...

## **Going Home**

Farewell, vain world, I'm going home!  
My savior smiles and bids me come,  
And I don't care to stay here long!

See angels beckon me away,  
To sing God's praise in endless day,  
And I don't care to stay here long!

Rise up yonder, Christians, away up yonder,  
O, yes my Lord, for I don't care to stay here long.

And though I know I'm bound to die,  
From grief and pain my soul shall fly,  
And I don't care to stay here long!

Bright angels then shall take me home  
Away to new Jerusalem,  
And I don't care to stay here long!

Rise up...

### **My Very Own**

My love, my very own, you have stolen my heart.  
With one glance, you have captured me.

My love, my very own, you have captured my  
heart.

You looked at me and I fell in love.

You are altogether beautiful, beautiful beyond  
compare;

How beautiful, better than wine.

I will go where you will go,

I will live where you will live, I'll die with you.  
My love, my very own, you have stolen my heart.

## **Hope for Resolution**

Of the Father's love begotten,  
E'er the worlds began to be.  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending he.  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth, forever blessed,  
when the virgin full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bare the Saviour of our race.  
And the babe, the world's redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore him,  
Angel hosts his praises sing,  
Pow'rs dominions bow before him,  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
ev'ry voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore.

Thula sizwe, ungabokhala  
(Nation, do not cry),  
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela  
(Jehovah will protect us).

Inkululeko, sizoyithola  
(We will attain freedom),  
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela  
(Jehovah will protect us).

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