

# SINGING IN THE REVOLUTION

## Songbook

All Will Be Well *Words: Julian of Norwich; Tune: Rev. Pressley Sutherland*  
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Rest *by Sara Juers*  
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Take My Hand *by Christopher Grundy*  
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Veni Sancte Spiritus  
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We Are A Gentle, Angry People *by Holly Near*  
We Are the Church Alive *by Jack Hoggan-St. John and David Pelletier*  
We Shall be Known *by MaMuse*  
We Rise *by Batya Levine*  
We Shall Overcome  
When I Survey the Moon and Stars *by Christopher Grundy*  
WoYaYa *by Osibisa*

## 1. All Will Be Well

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All will be well  
And all will be well  
And all manner of things will be well  
All will be well, be well

## 2. ABOUT ICE

This is for our neighbors  
who are locked inside  
Together we will  
Abolish ICE

## 3. BLESSING SONG



Bless-ed am I, Spir-it am I, I am the in-fin-ite with-in my soul. I

5  
have no beg-gin-ing and I have no end. All this I am.

Blessed am I, Spirit am I, I am the infinite within my soul.  
I have no beginning and I have no end. All this I am.

## 4. BODY SONG

by KJ Song

Body bold and body bright  
Sweet body of mine  
Body hear this prayer I sing,  
Oh help me be wise

Body young, and body old  
Don't matter the size  
Body hear this prayer I sing,  
Oh, help me be wise

## 5. CARRY IT ALL

by Alexandra Blakley

You do not carry this all a lone No,  
 you do not carry this all a lone  
 This is way too big for you to carry this on your  
 own So, you do not carry this all a -  
 lone

You do not carry this all alone  
 No you do not carry this all alone  
 this is way too big for you  
 to carry this on your own  
 so, you do not carry this all alone

## 6. COME AWAY

by Karine Polwart

Come a - way, come a-way in Come a - way, come a-way in The  
 storm is a-ris - ing butwe'll hold back the wind Come a - way, come a-way in

Come away, Come away in  
 Come away, Come away in  
 The storm is a rising

But we'll hold back the wind  
 Come away, Come away in

## 7. COME, COME, WHOEVER YOU ARE

By Rumi

words by Rumi  
music by Rev. Lynn Adair Ungar

round \*

Come, Come, who - ev - er you are. Wand - er - er

6

wor - ship - er lov - er of leav - ing. Ours is no car - a - van

11

of \_\_\_\_ des - pair. Come, yet a - gain come

Come, come, whoever you are  
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving  
Ours is no caravan of despair.  
Come, come again, come

## 8. COURAGE

by Alexandra Blakey

Courage is not the absence of fear  
It is the feeling of this fear  
Being afraid and showing up anyway

## 9. DEAR FRIEND, QUEER FRIEND

Dear friend, queer friend,  
Let me tell you how I feel,  
You have given me such pleasure,  
I love you so!

## 10. ELA'S SONG (WE WHO BELIEVE IN FREEDOM)

We who believe in freedom cannot rest  
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes

# 11. FOR EVERYONE BORN

## For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table)



1. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3. For just and un - just a place at the ta - ble,  
 4. For Gay, Bi, and Trans, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for eve - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread;  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 the u - ser, the used, with need to for - give,  
 Les - bi - an, Queer, and In - ter - sex too,  
 to live with-out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 Ace, A - ro, and Pan, all part of the spec - trum,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for eve - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.  
 in com - mun - i - ty, with love that is true.  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.



*Refrain*  
*All:* And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, and joy, com -



pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -



a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

For everyone born, a place at the table  
 For everyone born clean water and bread  
 A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
 For everyone born a star overhead

Chorus: And God will delight when we are creators of justice, and joy,  
Compassion and peace. Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy

For young and for old, a place at the table  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled  
For young and old, the right to belong. *Chorus*

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
The user, the used, with need to forgive,  
In anger, in hurt, a mind set of mercy.  
For just and unjust, a new way to live. *Chorus*

For Gay, Bi, and Trans, a place at the table  
Lesbian, Queer, and Intersex too  
Ace, Aro, and Pan, all part of the spectrum  
In community, with love that is true. *Chorus*

For everyone born, a place at the table  
To live without fear, and simply to be  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship  
For everyone born, the right to be free. *Chorus*

## 12. FROM THIS HOUSE

*By Rumi*



From this house, to the world  
We will go, Hand in hand.

### 13. HOW COULD ANYONE EVER TELL YOU

By Libby Roderick

Em7 A7 D Bm7 Em7 A7 D D Em7

Voice

A7 D

How could a-ny-one e - ver

Bm7

10 Vo. tell you you were a - ny-thing less than beau - ti - ful how could

Em7 A7 D D7

13 Vo. a - ny-one e - ver tell you you were less then whole how could

Em7 A7 D Bm

17 Vo. a - ny-one fail to no - tice that your lo - ving is a mi - ra - cle how

Em7 A7 D D7

21 Vo. deep - ly you're con - nec - ted to my soul How could

How could anyone ever tell you  
 you were anything less than beautiful?  
 How could anyone ever tell you  
 you were less than whole?  
 How could anyone fail to notice  
 that your loving is a miracle?  
 How deeply you're connected to my soul.

### 14. I AM HERE IN GOD

I am here in the heart of God,  
 God is here in the heart of me.  
 Like the wave in the water  
 and the water in the wave,  
 I am here in the heart of  
 God.

I am here in the breath of God,  
 God is here in the breath of me.  
 Like the wind in the  
 springtime and the  
 springtime in the wind,



I am here in the breath of God.

I am here in the soul of God,  
God is here in the soul of me.  
Like the flame in the fire and  
the fire in the flame.  
I am here in the soul of God.

I am here in the mind of God,  
God is here in the mind of me.  
Like the earth in my body  
and my body in the earth,  
I am here in the soul of God.

Like the earth in my body  
and my body in the earth,  
Like the flame in the fire and  
the fire in the flame,  
Like the wind in the  
springtime and the  
springtime in the wind,

Like the wave in the water  
and the water in the wave,  
I am here in the heart of  
God.

### 15. I'M COMING HOME TO MYSELF

by KJ Song

I'm coming home to myself  
I'm coming home to myself  
Coming home to myself once again

### 16. LET IT GO

Breathe, breathe, breathe in  
Breathe, breathe out (2x)  
Let it go, let it go, let it go  
Let it go, let it go (2x)

Trust in what's coming  
Trust in your knowing  
It's deeper and wider and holy

### 17. LET THE BEAUTY WE LOVE

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'Let the beau - ty \_\_\_\_ we love Be what \_\_\_\_ we do There are hun - dreds of' written below. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '6', followed by the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'ways \_\_\_\_\_ to kneel and kiss the ground \_\_\_\_' written below.

Let the beauty we love  
Be what we do

There are hundreds of ways  
to kneel and kiss the ground.

## 18. LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
 let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
 With God our creator, children all are we.  
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
 With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:  
 To take each moment and live each moment  
 in peace eternally.  
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

## 19. LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

**VERSE**

♩ = 60

G B7/F# Em G/D D#°7 Em Am B7 C

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of  
 2. Ston y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - 'ning rod, felt in the days when hope un -  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far

G/D D7 G B7/F# E E/G# Am B7 C C#°7 G/D G/D D#°7 Em

7 lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - t'ning skies, let it re - sound loud as the  
 born had died; Yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our  
 on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might, let us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

14 D7 G G Em Dsus D G Bb7

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, sing a  
 fa - thers sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered, we have  
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee; Lest our

E G G#°7 D7/A D7 G B7/F# E E/G#

21 song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new  
 come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we  
 hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, may we for -

Am B7 C C#°7 G/D G/D D#°7 Em D7 G

27 day be - gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won. \_\_\_\_\_  
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land. \_\_\_\_\_

Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.

## 20. LOOSEN, LOOSEN, BABY by Aly Halpert

Loos - sen, loos - sen ba - by You don't have to car - ry

the weight of the world in your muscles and bones, let go let go let go

counter part (optional)

Ho - ly breath and Ho - ly Name will you ease, will you ease this pain

Loosen, loosen, baby  
 You don't have to carry  
 The weight of the world in your muscles and bones  
 Let go, let go, let go

(Holy breath, and holy name  
 Will you ease, will you ease this pain) x 2

Holy breath (Loosen, loosen, baby)  
 And holy name (You don't have to carry)  
 Will you ease (The weight of the world in your muscles and bones)  
 Will you ease this pain (Let go, let go, let go)

## 21. MAY I BE EMPTY

by Batya Levine

May I be empty  
 And open to receive the light  
 May I be empty  
 And open to receive

May I be full  
 And open to receive the light  
 May I be full  
 And open to receive

## 22. ONE BODY

I don't know  
 if we were meant to carry  
 so much Grief  
 in one body  
 Yet.. we are not alone.. Yet

## 23. OUTSIDE THE JOURNEY

1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of chang - ing ways,  
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ples, war - ring fac - tions and des - pair,  
 3. We are man and we are wo - man, all per - sua - sions, old and young,  
 4. We are Black and we are A - sian, In - di - an, His - pan - ic, White,  
 5. Through the years of hu - man strug - gle, walk a peo - ple long des - pised,  
 6. As we stand a world di - vi - ded by our own self - seek - ing schemes,  
 7. Should the threats of dire pre - dict - ions cause us to with - draw in pain,

who will lead the pil - grim peop - les wan - der - ing their sep - arate ways?  
 who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 each a gift in your cre - a - tions, each a love song to be sung.  
 we a rain - bow co - a - li - tion, all of val - ue in your sight.  
 gays and les - bi - ans to - geth - er fight - ing to be re - al - ized.  
 grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
 may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple,

ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

In the midst of new dimensions,  
 in the face of changing ways.  
 Who will lead the pilgrim peoples  
 wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,  
 leading where the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey now and ever,  
now and ever, now and ever more

Through the flood of starving people,  
warring factions and despair,  
Who will lift the olive branches?  
Who will light the flame of care? Refrain

Though we reach the highest heavens,  
holding worlds at our command,  
we are yet a desert people  
searching for the promised land. Refrain

Should the threats of dire predictions  
cause us to withdraw in pain,  
May your blazing phoenix spirit,  
resurrect the church again. Refrain

## 24. PLEASE PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY

Please prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true

With thanks giving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you

## 25. REST

*by Sarah Juers*

(Come to me all who are heavy  
with burden  
And I'll give you rest) x4

And be still and know  
That They are God alone  
And be still and know, God is  
good

## 26. SHAME SONG

*By Alexandria Blakely*

If I'm going to fall  
And if I'm going to change

May it serve the whole  
May it turn a page

And if I'm going to fail  
And If I'm going to learn  
May it serve the whole  
May it to serve the future ones

I too deserve belonging  
I too deserve to heal  
I too deserve aliveness  
I deserve to court the shadows here

## 27. SLOW DOWN LONG ENOUGH

*by KJ Song*

Slow down long enough so you can feel the river  
The one beneath the ground, the one under your skin  
What if you had more faith and trust in the current  
Threw away all your doubts and dove right in  
And threw away all your doubts and dove right in

## 28. SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT

Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Coming for to carry me home.

## 29. TAKE MY HAND

*By Christopher Grundy*

Take my hand  
which has labored in the soil  
Together we will stand  
For together we must toil  
To build a world where hunger  
will not keep the people chained  
To build a world that will still bear fruit tomorrow.

**30. THIS FIRE** by Alexandra Blakey and MaMuse  
Bring your tired and weary bones to this fire.  
And harmonize these notes together.

And when you will inhale,  
and when you will rest,  
hundreds of others will be singing  
until you come back.

Take your time. Take this water.  
Take these hands, if you want them.

**31. THIS JOY**

This joy that I have  
The world didn't give it to me  
This joy that I have  
The world didn't give it to me  
This joy that I have  
The world didn't give it to me

The world didn't give it  
The world can't take it away

This strength that I have...  
This love that I have...  
This pride that I have...  
This peace that I have...

**32. VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS**



Come, Holy Spirit

**33. WALK ON IN FAITH**  
by KJ Song

May the way be easy  
May our hearts have the space  
to love the journey as it is  
And to walk on in faith



### 34. WE ARE A GENTLE, ANGRY PEOPLE

We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a justice-seeking people...  
We are cis and straight together...  
We are young and old together...  
We are a land of many colors...  
We are gay and straight together....  
We are a gentle, loving people...

### 35. WE ARE THE CHURCH ALIVE

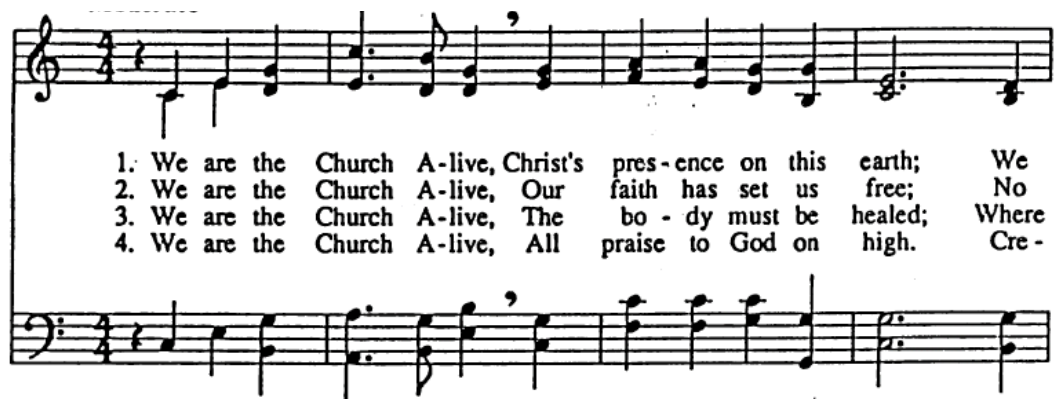
We are the Church Alive,  
Christ's presence on this  
earth  
We give God's Spirit body in  
The act of our new birth.  
As yielded open channels  
For God's descending dove,  
We shout and sing, With joy  
we bring  
God's all-inclusive love.

We are the Church Alive,  
Our faith has set us free;  
No more enslaved by guilt  
and shame,  
We live our liberty!  
We follow Christ's example  
And freedom now proclaim,  
Destroying myths of doubt  
and fear  
In Jesus' mighty name.

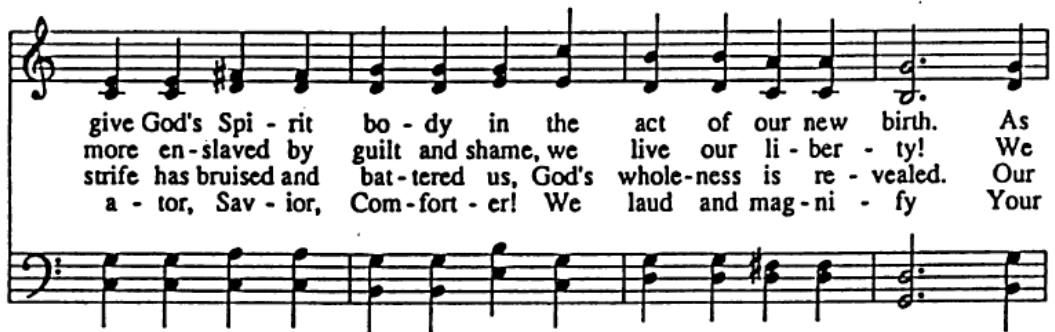
We are the Church Alive,

The body must be healed;  
Where strife has bruised and  
battered us,  
God's wholeness is revealed.  
Our mission is an urgent  
one;  
In strength and health let's  
stand,  
So that our witness to God's  
light  
Will shine through every  
land.

We are the Church Alive,  
All praise to God on high!  
Creator, Savior, Comforter!  
We laud and magnify  
Your name, almighty God of  
love;  
Pray give us life, that we  
May be your church, the  
Church Alive,  
For all eternity.



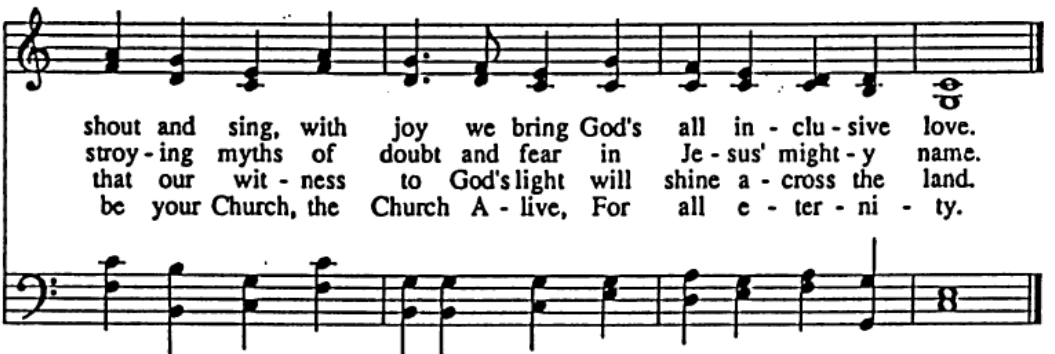
1. We are the Church A-live, Christ's pres-ence on this earth; We  
 2. We are the Church A-live, Our faith has set us free; No  
 3. We are the Church A-live, The bo - dy must be healed; Where  
 4. We are the Church A-live, All praise to God on high. Cre -



give God's Spi - rit bo - dy in the act of our new birth. As  
 more en - slaved by guilt and shame, we live our li - ber - ty! We  
 strife has bruised and bat - tered us, God's whole-ness is re - vealed. Our  
 a - tor, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er! We laud and mag - ni - fy Your



yield - ed o - pen chan - nels for God's de - scend - ing dove, We  
 fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple and free - dom now pro - claim, De -  
 mis - sion is an ur - gent one; In strength and health let's stand, So  
 name, Al - might - y God of love; Pray, give us life that we May



shout and sing, with joy we bring God's all in - clu - sive love.  
 stroy - ing myths of doubt and fear in Je - sus' might - y name.  
 that our wit - ness to God's light will shine a - cross the land.  
 be your Church, the Church A - live, For all e - ter - ni - ty.

# 36. WE SHALL BE KNOWN

by MaMuse

We shall be known by the com - pan - y we keep By the ones

who cir - cle 'round to tend these fires We shall be

known by the ones who sow and reap The seeds of change a - live from

deep with - in the earth It is time now,

it is time now that we thrive It is time we lead our -

selves in - to the well It is time now,

and what a time to be a - live In this Great Turn - ing we shall

learn to lead in love In this Great Turn - ing we shall

learn to lead in love

We shall be known by the  
company we keep  
By the ones who circle round  
to tend these fires

We shall be known by the ones  
who sow and reap  
The seeds of change alive  
from deep, within the earth

It is time now, it is time now  
that we thrive  
It is time we lead ourselves  
into the well  
It is time now, and what a time  
to be alive

In this Great Turning, we shall  
learn to lead in, love  
In this Great Turning, we shall  
learn to lead in, love

### 37. WE RISE

*by Batya Levine*

We Rise (Humbly Hearted)  
We Rise (Won't be Divided)  
We Rise (With Spirit to Guide Us)  
We Rise

In Hope, in Prayer  
We Find ourselves here  
In Hope, in Prayer  
We're Right Here

We Rise (All of the Children)  
We Rise (Elders with Wisdom)  
We Rise (Ancestors Surround Us)

We Rise (Up from the Wreckage)  
We Rise (With Tears and Courage)  
We Rise (Fighting for Life!)

### 38. WE SHALL OVERCOME

We shall overcome  
We shall overcome  
We shall overcome some  
day  
Oh, deep in my heart  
I do believe

We shall overcome some  
day  
We'll walk hand in hand...  
We shall live in peace...  
We shall all be free...  
We are not afraid...

### 39. WHEN I SURVEY THE MOON AND STARS

*By Christopher Grundy*

When I Survey the Moon and Stars  
All the works of your hands  
Who are we that you care for us?  
Yet you let us help care for the birds of the air  
And all of the fish in the sea  
How majestic is your name in all of the earth?

### 40. WOYAYA

*by Osibisa*

We are going  
Heaven knows where we are  
going,  
but we know within

And we will get there  
Heaven knows how we will  
get there,  
but we know we will

It will be hard we know  
And the road will be muddy  
and rough  
But we'll get there  
Heaven knows how we will  
get there  
but we know we will

Woyaya