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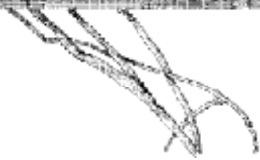
SO SING,
MY HEART





*I will sing to the
Lord all my life*

Psalm 104:33





So Sing, My Heart

My heart will make a joyful noise
unto my God and King,
When I count up my blessings, folks,
how can I help but sing?
I'm in His care around the clock,
He doesn't doze or sleep,
And I can know within my heart
my soul He'll always keep.
So sing, my heart; give forth a song;
don't worry and don't sigh;
Remember, friend, God says you are
the apple of His Eye.

*He shielded him and cared
for him; he guarded him
as the apple of his eye.
Deuteronomy 32:10*

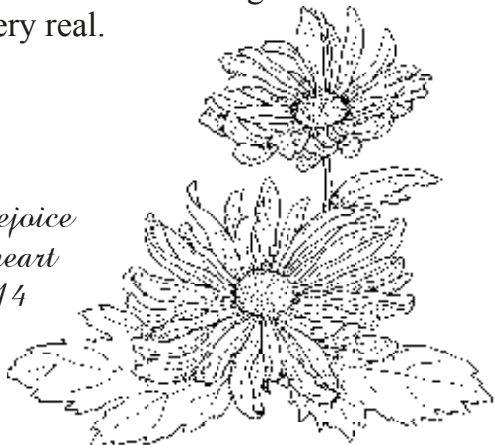
Today My Heart Will Sing

Today my heart will have a song;
I will look up and smile,
I have so much to sing about
to make my life worthwhile.

When I have God to care for me
why should my heart be sad?
I'll leave my problems in His Hands
and He will make me glad.

There is no night too dark for Him,
no heart He cannot heal;
And so my heart will have a song
for God is very real.

*Be glad and rejoice
with all your heart
Zephaniah 3:14*



A Joyful Noise

God knows that some of us can't sing
or even hum a tune,
But if you read the Psalms a bit
you might learn something soon.

A joyful noise is what God wants
from those who cannot sing;
And if your heart is full of love
it's worth most everything.

So praise the Lord with thankful heart
wherever you may go;
He'd like to hear your joyful noise
and keep in touch, you know.

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
worship the Lord with gladness;
Psalm 100:1*

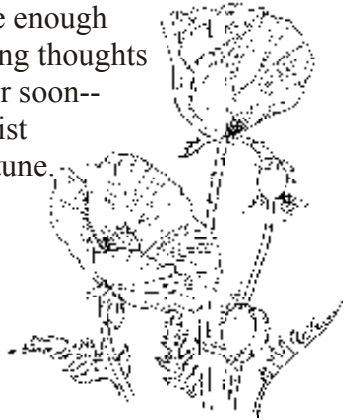


Try Humming

If you can't sing, then hum a tune
and give your mind a break;
I think you'd feel much better, friend,
it could depression shake.
It does no good to sit and moan
about how bad you feel;
Complaining never helps a bit
and won't your spirit heal.
Some people simply have a knack
of learning how to cope:
They think good thoughts and read good books
that bring them joy and hope.

So if you're feeling mighty low
and want to quit right now,
Try reading in Philippians
for it will tell you how
To get your mind off mundane things
and think on better stuff
That's pure, and honest, just, and true,
these things are quite enough
To chase away depressing thoughts
and make you better soon--
So if you aren't a soloist
just hum a merry tune.

Philippians 4:4-9



Look Up

God has a special blessing
for the folks who will look up,
For He's a God of happiness
and wants to fill your cup.

But there are some who say to God,
"I'll just do things my way"
And they may find that life is tough
as they walk day by day.

Our God is wiser than we are
and knows what is ahead,
And if we put our hand in His
tomorrow holds no dread.

*Let us fix our eyes
on Jesus, the author
and perfecter of our
faith Hebrews 12:2*

*(Jesus), Rose of Sharon
Song of Songs 2:1*



Without You, Lord

Without You, Lord, I'd be afraid,
For life is sometimes tough;
To pick the path that's best for me
I'm just not smart enough.

So many voices, endless roads,
Are mine to pick and choose--
I need my hand in Your big Hand
Or else my way I'll lose.

It's nice when evening shadows fall
To know Your watchful eye
Will see me through the long night hours
As on my bed I lie.

And when I wake and greet the day
I know You'll still be there
To help me out through thick or thin
Because You really care.

*When I awake, I am
still with you.*

Psalm 139:18



The Counters

Now folks, count your blessings
instead of your dough,
Your blessings are greater
than you'll ever know.

Our God has created
some super-nice things
And when we are grateful
our heart really sings.

The flowers, the mountains,
the birds, and the streams
Give beauty and pleasure
beyond all our dreams.

Our children are truly
God's own special gift,
For when we need cheering
they give us a lift.



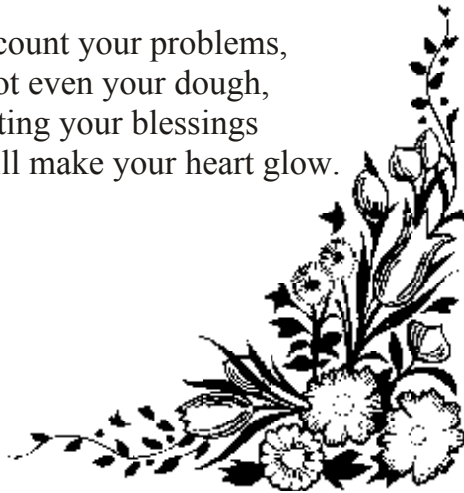
God could have made earth
 very barren and bleak,
And could have made man
 really selfish and weak,

But He cared a lot
 what He put on this earth;
All things that He made
 were of beauty and worth.

So don't let your heart
 get too carried away--
Your cash and possessions
 are not here to stay.

So count all your blessings,
 you'll find you've enough
To keep your heart humming
 when living is tough.

So don't count your problems,
 not even your dough,
But counting your blessings
 will make your heart glow.



Envy Not

Don't envy the man who has gold in his jeans.
For all of his wealth it just probably means
That he has more problems than you'll ever know
With more house to paint and more lawn to mow;
More cars to wax, and more gadgets to buy,
More things to insure and to keep high and dry.

More thieves and more con men are stalking his path--
Just lying in wait to steal what he hath.
His taxes are higher, his duties increase,
With all of his trappings it's hard to find peace.
So if you have little, don't fret, and don't stew--
You've multiple blessings that God's given you.

Relax and enjoy all the things that you own,
With family and friends you are never alone.
With food and with shelter and clothing to wear
And God's tender guidance, you've never a care.
You are blest beyond measure, your cup runneth o'er.
If love rules your life, who could ask any more?



*(Love) does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. 2 Corinthians 13:8*

Today Is All You've Got

I wonder if you realize when you get up each day
That it's a new beginning, so don't fritter it away.
Yesterday is history now, today is all you've got
So if you'll kinda' think on it, you'll give it
your best shot.

Tomorrow is a different day not yet come into view
So leave the future in God's hands, He has good
news for you.
Though we don't know what lies ahead of either
good or ill,
God wants us to live for today so He our cup can fill.

So if we have a joyful heart and each day do our best
We'll find life more exciting and even feel more blest.
Don't hassle things of yesterday that are already past
But make each day a glorious day with memories
that will last.





Really Silent???

Some folk think God is silent
and so does not exist,
They think they've never seen Him
so they took Him off their list.

It seems they do not realize
that everyday they see
The beauty He's created just
wherever they might be.

God also works behind the scenes
and holds the stars in place;
He keeps the flowers growing
while we whirl around in space.

Though some folk think there is no God
and things just came to be,
There is no place where God is not
if you have eyes to see.

*The Lord is near to all who call
upon him, to all who call upon him
in truth. Psalm 145:18*

You're On The Winning Team

You may not be the pitcher
 or the fella' on first base,
You may not be the catcher
 with a shield upon your face,
It just may be you seldom make
 a home run for the team
When cheering crowds stand up and clap
 and shout or even scream.

Though you may never find yourself
 among the baseball greats
If you have helped your team to win
 that's really what it takes.
I've thought about it quite a bit
 how most of us on earth
Will never get our name in print
 no matter what we're worth.

But there are more important things
 if you know what I mean--
If you have Jesus in your heart
 you're on the winning team.





Still Counting

You folks who've lived a long, long time,
how do you count your years--
By all the blessings that you've had
or by your scars and tears?
We've all had lumps and bumps in life,
but if we're kinda' smart
We will not dwell on these too much
nor hide them in our heart.

A merry heart, the Bible says,
can help to heal our ills,
So don't give worry more than due
on problems and on bills.
It's really quite a miracle
that people live so long,
So count the blessings that you have
and fill your life with song.

I Really Don't Mind Rainy Days

I really don't mind rainy days--
they also have their charm;
It's kinda' nice to just stay put
curled up with book in arm.

The rain will wash the dust from trees
and help the flowers grow,
And make the world look clean and fresh,
and that is nice, you know.

I also like to watch the wind
make branches swing and sway
Like they are painting clouds up there
for rain another day.

If I go out in wind and rain
and get all dripping wet
It feels so good to get back home
for it's the best place yet.

A cup of chocolate steaming hot
sounds awfully good to me,
So I'll take rain, or wind, or sun--
enjoying what will be.





The Merry Heart

A merry heart, the Bible says,
is like a medicine.
I wonder if we laugh a lot
when with our friends and kin.
If we would smile and sing and hum
our stresses should be few,
For it is hard to hold a grudge
when smiling through and through.

And laughing is contagious, friend,
it drives the blues away,
For if you have a happy heart
depression will not stay.
When I see people all stressed out
and eyes keep looking down,
It is no wonder that their face
shows nothing but a frown.

A smiling face, a happy heart,
works better than a pill
And if you wonder if this works,
you bet your boots it will.

A happy heart makes the face cheerful
Proverbs 15:13

It's Better By Far To Live and Love

Some folks are happy as can be
without a lot of stuff,
They seem to know within their heart
when they have quite enough.
A person really doesn't need
those things that would impress;
It's better far to live with love
and not from that digress.

Who cares if you have bars of gold
all buried in your yard
That you've saved up from time on end
if times get really hard?
It just may be your time on earth
is later than you think--
So why not just enjoy yourself
while you're still in the pink?

Some folks get all strung out these days
on how to get more dough,
They hope to do impressive things
like jet-set folks, you know.
I'm sure the wealthy and the proud
have problems we don't see;
It could be in their deepest heart
they envy you and me.

