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*The Season For
Singing*



*God said . . . let the birds fly
above the earth across
the expanse of the sky.
So God created . . . every winged bird
according to its kind.
And God saw that it was good.
God blessed them . . .
Genesis 1:20-22*

*See! the winter is past;
the rains are over and gone;
Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come;
the cooing of doves is heard
in the land.
Song of Songs 2:11,12*



*Awake,
My Soul,
and Sing*

Don't let your soul be fast asleep
or covered o'er with dust,
It's just too good to let it die,
then shrink and gather rust.
Awake, my soul, and sing a song,
and keep an upward look,
God wants to mend your hurting heart,
it says so in His Book.

There're lots of things that can be done
to keep it on alert,
You might just see what you can do
to heal another's hurt.
Sometimes I stand in my tent door
and watch the rushing throng,
And kinda' wonder what's the rush.
Is something really wrong?

If folks would help each other out,
then hum and sing awhile
They'd find their soul would come alive
and give to them a smile.

Sing and make music in your heart to the
Lord Jesus Christ, always giving thanks to
God the Father Ephesians 5:19, 20

A Joyful Noise

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.



My help comes from the Lord, the maker
of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:2

Enjoying Small Joys

Some folks will miss a lot of joys
 that come to them each day
 Because they're searching for some stuff
 that may not come their way.
 Forget about the markets
 and don't trust the lottery
 For if you think you'll strike it rich
 you'll disappointed be.

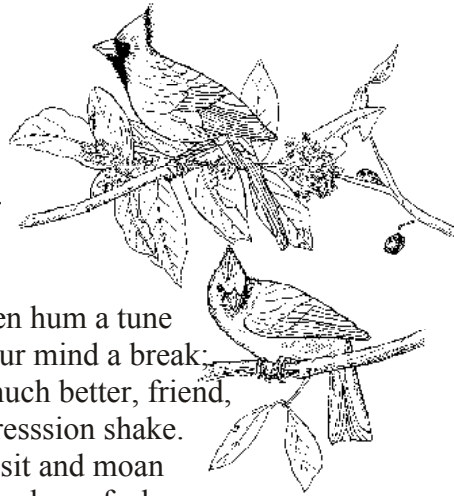
And you may never scale the heights
 to money or to fame,
 But there is more important stuff
 than riches or a name.
 To have God's peace within your heart
 will fill your soul with joy
 And if God's hand is holding yours
 no one can this destroy.

God has a lot of different ways
 to add a bit of spice—
 A hug, a wink, a happy smile
 is always pretty nice.
 So don't o'erlook these little joys
 that often come your way;
 Don't waste your life on petty stuff.
 Let Jesus make your day.

God, who richly provides us with
 everything for our enjoyment.
 1 Timothy 6:17b



*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.

Still Up There

Before I lock the door at night
I look out at the sky
And can't see more than one lone star
no matter how I try.
Its kinda' bad the sky is full
of stuff up in the air--
It seems there used to be a bunch
of shining stars up there.

At times when I was just a kid
I'd watch the stars so bright,
And sometimes I could even see
the Milky Way at night.
No longer can I sit and watch
a falling star go plunk
For they are hidden from my view
by lots of stuff and junk

I know those stars are still up there
though they are out of sight,
So I'll imagine how they were
when I look out tonight.

I know a lot of folks still think
that God is far away,
Because their eyes behold Him not
they may not even pray.

But like the stars He's still up there
observing things down here,
So I'll enjoy the world He made
and let it bring me cheer.
I'm glad that God is in control
though He is out of sight,
And with that knowledge in my heart
I'll go to sleep tonight.



He determines the number of stars
and calls them each by name. Psalms 147:4



There are no ordinary folks,
God sees each one, you know—
Though billions live on planet earth
God knows where'er you go.
Though you may travel far and wide
you're always in His sight
No matter if its daylight hours
or in the darkest night.
Some folks think God is watching them
because He wants to spy
But that is not the case at all
and let me tell you why.
The reason He is watching you
in all you say and do
Is that He loves you very much
so keeps His Eye on you.

Since you are precious and honored in my
sight and because I love you. . . Isaiah 43:4

God Is Busy

Our God stays awfully
 busy, folks,
 He has a lot to do:
 He has to keep the sun in place,
 the earth a' whirling, too.
 He's gotta' keep the stars up there
 so they'll stay in their place
 Or they might fall on planet earth
 and kill the human race.



Besides all this there are the flow'rs
 that need the morning dew,
 And birds that want a bite to eat,
 and trees to live in, too.
 How would the tigers and the bears
 survive were there no food?
 If God weren't looking after things
 the world would come unglued.

God does not sit around all day
 and wonder what to do,
 For He's in charge of Heaven, folks,
 that keeps Him busy, too.
 Don't minimize how big God is;
 no thing escapes His Eye,
 He helps His children on this earth
 until the day they die.

Be glad, my friend, that God is God,
 don't let your god be small,
 For He's in charge of everything
 and watches over all

Crosses

We see disabled people
 using walker or a cane
Or riding in a wheelchair
 and seem to be in pain;
We empathize a bit with them
 down deep inside our soul
And we may even pray that God
 would heal and make them whole.

But other folks don't walk around
 with walker or a crutch
And so we kinda' think those folks
 don't worry very much.
But they may have a cross to bear
 not seen by you or me
That's hidden in their heart of hearts
 and heavy as can be.



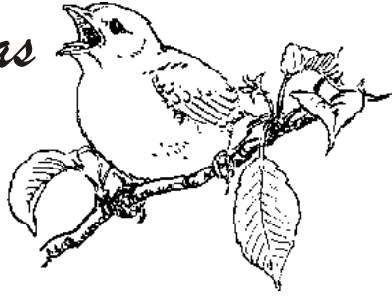
And so we skip along in life
and hum a joyful song
Forgetting some folks cover up
when things in life go wrong.
So don't be quick to judge someone
who seems all tuckered out
Instead suggest he pray to God
Who knows what life's about.

We often get depressed and down
when life is tough and mean
Forgetting Jesus bids us come
and on Him closely lean.
I think He wants to share our load,
in fact He says it best:
"Come unto Me" He says to all,
"And I will give you rest."

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28



*Christmas
in Your
Heart*



If there's no Christmas in your heart
I doubt that you will find
A happy heart on Christmas Day
in stores of any kind.
The malls, of course, will be trimmed up
with lots of pretty stuff
But if you dread this time of year
it could be pretty tough.
Don't let this Christmas pass you by
and leave you feeling blue
For there are things most anywhere
I'm sure that you can do.

If you aren't blest with ready cash
to spend this time of year
Then simply give some of yourself
and be a volunteer.
No one will find much happiness
just sitting home alone,
If you're unable to get out
call someone on the phone
And wish them Merry Christmas,
let them hear your joyful sound;
You'll find you won't be lonely
if you spread your love around.

... for yourselves have been taught by God
to love each other. I Thessalonians 4:9b

The New Year

Now that Christmas time is over
and the tree is put away
Along with lights and manger scenes
for use another day,
It seems folks are more thoughtful
when the holidays are here
And how we wish that peace on earth
would last throughout the year.
And though we hope the New Year
will be better than the last
It's easy to just settle in
like in the days now past.
Too many people don't slow down
enough to just relax--
The folks who always push and shove
don't live life to the max.
When angels come and give their nod
and say "It's time to go"
We hope that folks have taken time
to sing and hum, you know.



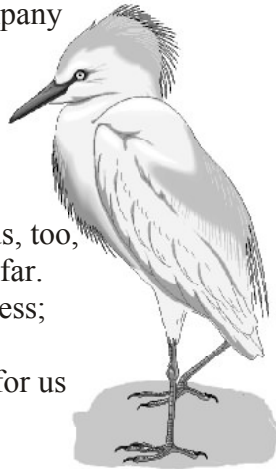
The Birds of the air nest by the waters;
they sing among the branches. Psalms 4:12

The King Is Coming

The King is coming, Christian friend,
it could well be today;
And folks all over planet earth
won't want to longer stay.
They'll hear the trumpet when it sounds
and rise right out of sight
And meet the Lord up in the air--
it could be day or night.

But this will be a special group
who'll hear that trumpet sound,
Its for the folks who know the Lord
whose feet will leave the ground.
They could be yellow, black, or red,
or even brown or white
Who'll be in that great company
that takes its final flight.

We needn't send our
home address
to tell God where we are;
He has His eye on Snowbirds, too,
though they have traveled far.
So keep your heart in readiness;
your eye upon the sky,
King Jesus may soon come for us
to live with Him on High.

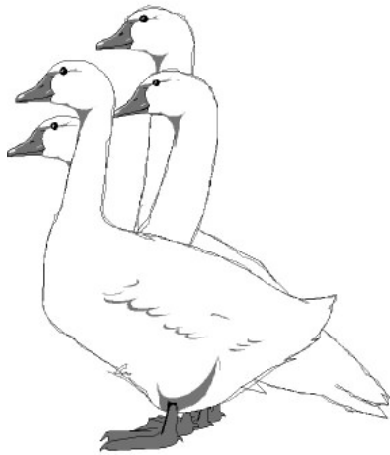


And so we will be with the Lord forever.
, , , encourage each other with these words.
1 Thessalonians 4:17.18

Never Go It Alone

It's easy to get all uptight
and feel you're all alone
Especially when things go wrong
and tired to the bone.
But really, when you think of it
folks always are around
And if you smile and say "hello"
you'll hear a joyful sound.

If you want friends, the Bible says,
then you must friendly be
So keep a twinkle in your eye
for other folks to see.
They may be looking for a friend
because they're lonely, too,
And who's to know they just might find
that friend in Y O U.



A friend loves at all times Proverbs 17:17



What I Like Best

God's given me a lot of things
that I enjoy down here,
Like any other busy Mom
they fill my heart with cheer.
I'm thankful dishes aren't stacked up
inside my kitchen sink,
They're washed so automatically
and quicker than you'd think.
What could have been the Monday blues
with washboard and a tub
Has changed to fancy wash machines
and I don't have to scrub.

Of course there are some other things
to fill my life with ease
Like microwaves, and radios,
computers, and TV's,
Electric lights, and easy chairs,
and even pocket change,
But even with these luxuries
there's something kinda' strange:
No matter how I like these things
and from them I'd not part,
What I enjoy and treasure most
is Jesus in my heart.

that Christ may abide in your heart by faith.
Colossians 3:17

The Best You Have

Its little things that mean so much:
A hug, a wink, a gentle touch,
A card, a smile, a good handshake,
A nod, a call, can help to break
The loneliness in someone's life
Whose heart is filled with stress and strife.

Some folks have won a car or dough
But these can come, and these can go,
And who's to know that after while
The thing you bought is out of style.

There are some things that last and last
Like pleasant memories of the past,
So give the best of what you've got;
A smile or hug can mean a lot.

And now these
three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest
of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13



Busy, But Blest

Do you get tired of making beds
and vacuuming the floors,
And pulling little snowsuits on
so kids can play outdoors,
Then cooking meals so all can eat,
then dishes in the sink,
Sometimes you get so all worn out
that you can hardly think?

Not all folks have this problem
for their floor is made of dirt
And one heads for the river bank
to wash a blouse or shirt.
To do the family laundry there
may take a little while
Especially if competing
with a sneaky crocodile.



Complaining is a way of life
for some who have a lot,
Somehow they feel they are deprived
of things that they have not.
'Tis really quite a shame to see
how some will waste their life,
God wants a song inside our heart,
not one that's filled with strife.

It's strange how some folks make the beds
and cook their evening meal
And welcome kids just home from school,
it's not that big a deal.
Because a song is in their heart
they welcome little feet
For love is more important
than a house that's always neat.

So stop complaining, friend of mine,
and give the world a smile
And count the blessings that you have
and make your life worthwhile.

Praise the Lord
O my soul and forget
not all His benefits.
Psalms 103:2

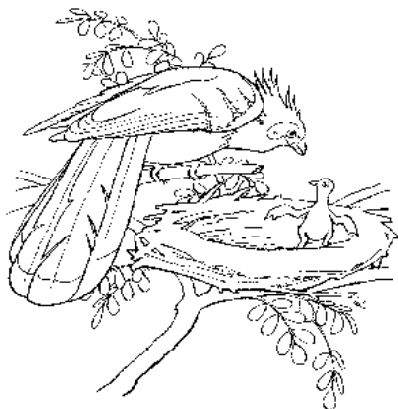


Only One

When God created stars, my friend,
and flung them out in space,
He made a lot of other things
and put each in its place--
Like flowers, birds, and elephants,
plus whales and other fish,
And dogs and rabbits, polar bears—
more than the heart could wish.

I could go on and on and name
a lot of other stuff,
But now that you've the picture, folks,
I think I've said enough.

So if you look at things God made
and you find peace and calm,
Remember that with all you own
you've only just one Mom.
No matter where you go on earth,
no matter what you've done,
You'll find your Mother loves you still
and thinks you're Number One.



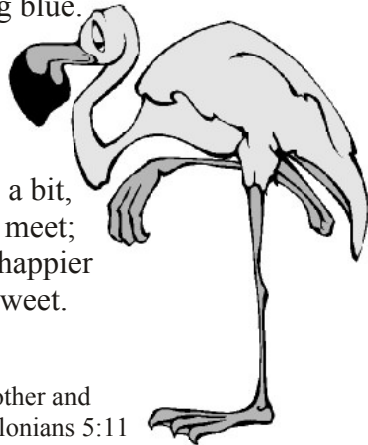
Be An Encourager

Some folks are not encouragers,
they're grumpy all day long;
Somewhere along life's winding road
they've kinda' lost their song.
They've lost the joy they used to have
in days of simpler stuff,
But now that they have older grown
and have more than enough
They've lost the love of life they had
and life seems dull and gray,
The friends they used to have are gone,
they simply walked away.

I think that all of us on earth
feel tempted now and then
To reminisce about the past
and how things might have been.
But it's not smart to keep these thoughts
and give them more than due,
Depression could set in, you know,
and leave you feeling blue.

So change your attitude a bit,
encourage folks you meet;
Your life will be much happier
if you are kind and sweet.

Therefore encourage one another and
build each other up 1 Thessalonians 5:11





Time Zones

Time Zones don't bother God a bit
He knows right where we are
We simply cannot hide from Him
though we may travel far.
We may leave footprints on the sand
as we go to and fro,
But still His Eye is watching us
wherever we may go.

It sure is comforting to me
to know God isn't dead
And that he watches over me
and keeps my soul well fed.
I'm glad God knows right where we are,
and if our hearts are right
We'll hum and sing in daylight hours
and sleep when comes the night.

And some day Christ will come again;
it could be night or noon
And all the folks who follow Him
hope that it will be soon.

The Window

A housewife needs a window
right above her kitchen sink.
It's there she spends a lot of time,
it's there she's time to think.

A bird bath can enhance the scene
along with crumbs and seed,
It takes our minds off pots and pans
to watch God's creatures feed.
I'm awfully glad that God made birds
to perch and soar about--
It may be birds are teaching us
to trust, and not to doubt.

God's Hand is on our whole wide world,
He feeds the universe,
If He'd withdraw His blessings, folks,
we'd have to call the hearse.
There's nothing that could long exist
without His love and care,
So thank Him while you watch the birds.
His love is everywhere.

... the earth is full of his unfailing love.
Psalms 33:5

