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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.

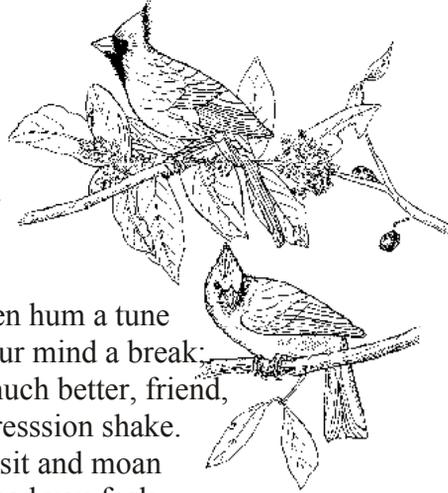
And you may never scale the heights  
 to money or to fame,  
 But there is more important stuff  
 than riches or a name.  
 To have God's peace within your heart  
 will fill your soul with joy  
 And if God's hand is holding yours  
 no one can this destroy.

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.



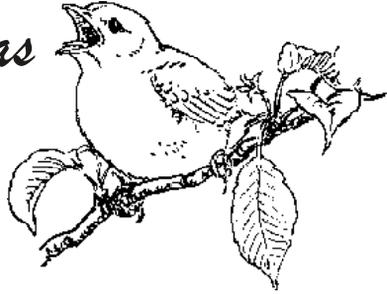
And so we skip along in life  
and hum a joyful song  
Forgetting some folks cover up  
when things in life go wrong.  
So don't be quick to judge someone  
who seems all tuckered out  
Instead suggest he pray to God  
Who knows what life's about.

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.



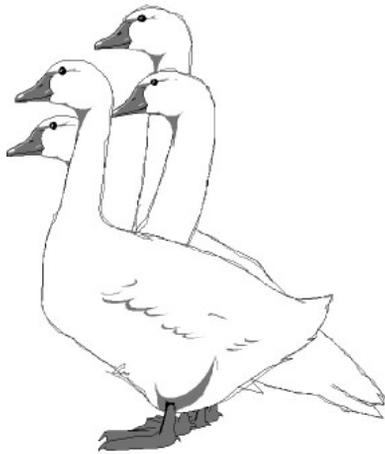
And so we will be with the Lord forever.  
, , , encourage each other with these words.

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.





## *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

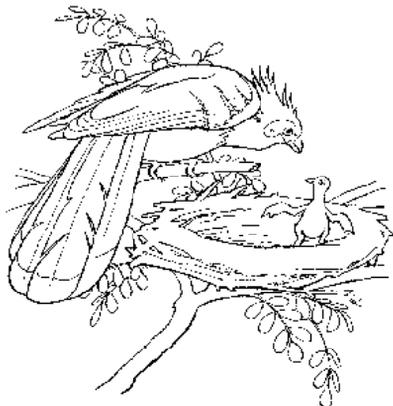


## *Only One*

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

