

SPRING 2025 LYRICS - ALTO

CELEBRATION (p1)

Whoo, hoo! *(Bass → It's a celebration)*

Whoo, hoo! *(Bass → This is your celebration)*

Celebrate good times, come on! (x2)

(Solo verse)

Celebration! *(Solo: Let's all celebrate, and have a good time.)*

Celebration! *(basses can sing this with the tenors down an octave, or drop out)*

We're gonna celebrate, and have a good time.

(All Altos second time only) It's time to come together, it's up to you, what's your pleasure?

(All Altos both times) Everyone around the world, come on!

Whoo, hoo! *(Bass → It's a celebration)*

Whoo, hoo! *(Bass (second time only) → It's a celebration!)*

Celebrate good times, come on! *(Bass → It's a celebration)*

Celebrate good times, come on! *(Bass → Let's celebrate!)*

(Repeat to the solo verse)

(B) We're gonna have a good time tonight. Let's celebrate, it's alright! (Baby!) (x2)

Celebration! Celebration!

Whoo, hoo (x2)

Celebrate good times, come on! (x6)

COURAGE MY SOUL (p4)

Courage my soul, and let me journey on

Though the night is dark, and I am far from home

Praise be to God, the morning light appears

The storm is passing over (x3) Hallelu!

Hallelujah...

Thunder rolling, and billows shake the ground

See the lightening flashing and dark clouds all around

Jesus walked the seas and calmed the angry waves

The storm is passing over (x3) Hallelu!

Hallelujah...

NOW LET US SING (p6)

(T/B) Now let us sing.....

Sing to the power of the Lord come down (x2)

Lift up your head....Don't be afraid...

Sing to the power of the Lord come down

(Back to beginning, repeat once)

Do, do, do....

(Back to the top, and sing everything again one more time)

(T/B) Now let us sing.....

Sing to the power of the Lord come down (x2)

Lift up your head....Don't be afraid...

Sing to the power of the.....Sing to the power of the.... (Repeat MANY times)

Lord come down.

BEFORE MY ASHES FLOW TO THE SEA (p10)

Before my ashes flow to the sea, I will sing with the waters.

Before my ashes flow to the sea, I will dance with the sky.

For everywhere there is life, there is music,

Where there is music, there is life.

Before my ashes flow to the sea,

I will sing with the waters. I will dance with the sky. (x4)

(sing this section four times)

(T/B) Life.... (x3) For everywhere there is life, there is music,

Where there is music, there is life.

Life (x2) PAUSE Life (x3)

WHAT HAVE WE DONE? (AZISENZENI NA?) (p17)

(Both times A/T)

In the world, we are carrying our burden

In the world, Oh God, you have the power

(1st time B, 2nd time A/T/B)

In the world, we are carrying our burden

In the world, Oh God, you have the power

(repeat 4 times)

INSTRUMENTAL

CODA

We have the power (x8)

We shall overcome. We shall overcome.

We shall overcome some day.

Oh deep in my heart, I do believe that

We shall overcome some day

SWIMMING TO THE OTHER SIDE (p24)

(2 solo verses)

We are living 'neath the great big dipper

We are washed by the very same rain

We are swimming in this stream together

Some in power and some in pain

We can worship this ground we walk on

Cherishing the beings_____

Loving spirits will live forever

We're all swimming to the other side.

When we get there we'll discover

All the gifts we've been given to share

Have been with us since the beginning

And we never noticed they were there

We can balance at the brink of wisdom
Never recognize _____
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

MIRIAM'S SONG (p30)

CHORUS (*S/A only first time, everyone all remaining times*)
And the women, dancing with their timbrels
Followed Miriam as she sang her song
Sing a song to the One whom we've exalted
Miriam and the women danced the whole night long

Solo Verse
CHORUS

Solo Verse
CHORUS

Instrumental
Solo Quartet
CHORUS (with an offset rhythm)

ONE VOICE (p41)

(1st 3 verses are solos)

This is the sound of all of us,
Singing with love and the will to trust.
Leave the rest behind, it will turn to dust.
This is the sound of all of us. (x2)

This is the sound of one voice
One people, one voice
A song for every one of us
This is the sound of one voice (x2 - 2nd time unison)

A PROMISE I WILL KEEP (not in packet)

Baritone Solo

CHORUS

This is a promise I will keep. (x2)

I will turn my hand toward good, toward good.

This is a promise... I... will... keep

Alto and Baritone Solos

CHORUS (with different notes, but same words as above)

Alto and Baritone Solo

CHORUS

And if I am asked to turn my hand toward harm, toward hate,

And if I am asked to turn my thoughts toward harm, toward hate,

And if I am asked to turn my life toward harm, toward hate,

I would refuse.

In every house, I will enter for good.

In every field, I will do only good,

By every river, I will turn my hand toward good.

This is a promise I will keep.

CHORUS

This is a promise I will keep. (x2)

I will turn my hand toward good, toward good.

This is a promise... (x3 this time)

I... will... keep