

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

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

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

(A+T: *We're gonna celebrate, and have a good time.*)

(Altos or Tenors) *It's time to come together, it's up to you, what's your pleasure?*

(All Sopranos 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! (B) *Let's celebrate*

Whoo-hoo-ooo!

Celebrate good times, come on! (x4)

Whoo-hoo-ooo!

Celebrate good times, come on!

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

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) (A) For everywhere there is life, there is music, Where there is music, there is life.*

Before my ashes flow to the sea, there is life. (x3)

Life (x2) PAUSE Life (x3)

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

*(A/T) In the world, we are carrying our burden. In the world, Oh God, you have the power (x2)*

*(B) Oh Lord, Oh Lord, We are carrying our burden, We are carrying our burden, Oh God, you have the pow-*

(sing this section twice)

Take this cup away from me. Take this cup away from me.

What have we done, Almighty God?

Almighty God.

(sing this section twice)

What have we done, O Lord? (x2)

What have we done, Almighty God,

Almighty God.

### **INSTRUMENTAL**

### **CODA**

We have the power (x24) *(sopranos are last to move to "We Shall Overcome")*

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 that we live beside

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 recognizing that we've arrived  
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, then Solo Quartet  
CHORUS (with an offset rhythm)

### **ONE VOICE (p41)**

(1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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