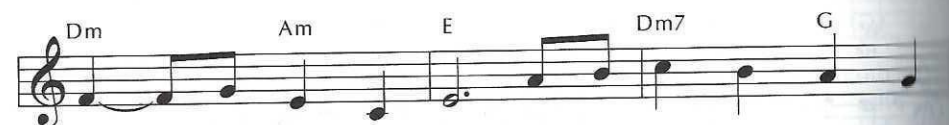


400 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

(Psalm 122)



1 I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us
 2 Like a tem - ple of u - ni - ty is the
 3 It is faith - ful to Is - rael's law, there to
 4 For the peace of all na - tions, pray: for God's
 5 For the love of my friends and kin I will



go to the house of God." And now our feet are
 cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem. It is there all tribes will
 praise the name of God. All the judg - ment seats of
 peace with - in your homes. May God's last - ing peace sur -
 bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own



stand - ing in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem!
 gath - er, all the tribes of the house of God.
 Da - vid were set down in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 round us; may it dwell in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 peo - ple I will la - bor and pray for you.

Refrain



Sha - lom, sha - lom, the peace of God be here.



Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

Psalm 122 is among the most joyful of the pilgrimage psalms, because it sings of finally reaching Jerusalem, the home of the Temple. This rejoicing spills over into prayers for peace inspired perhaps by the placename Jerusalem, from roots meaning "to establish peace" (*shalom*).

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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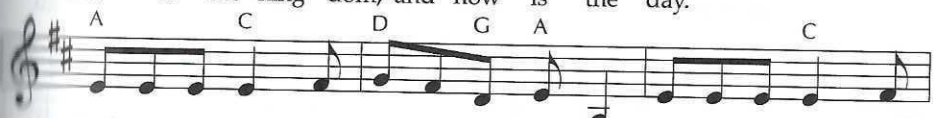
1 Here in this place the new light is stream - ing; now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



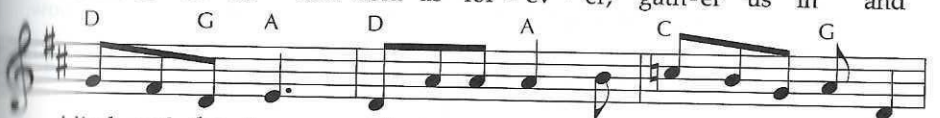
van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream - ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through - out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty; gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



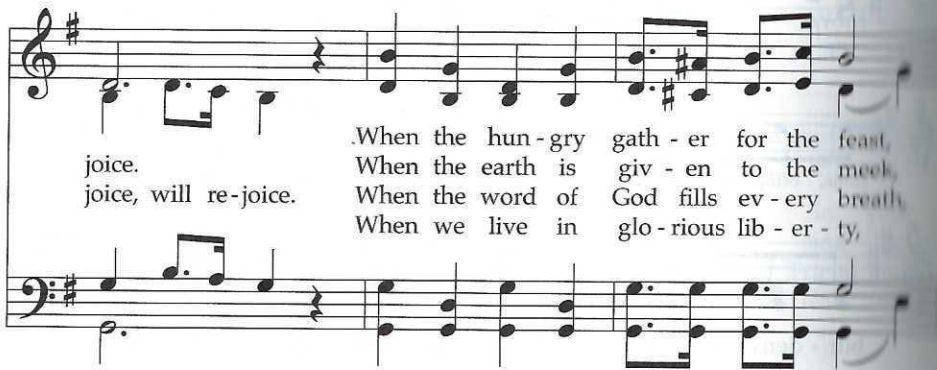
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least



1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,
 2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re-
 3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re-
 4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,

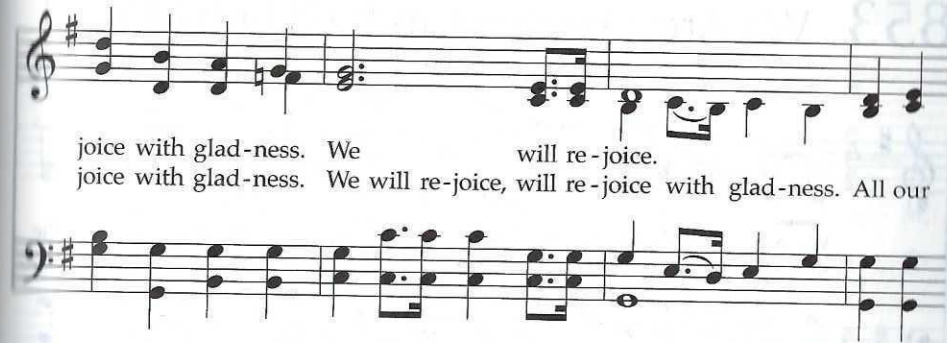


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 joyce, will re-joyce.

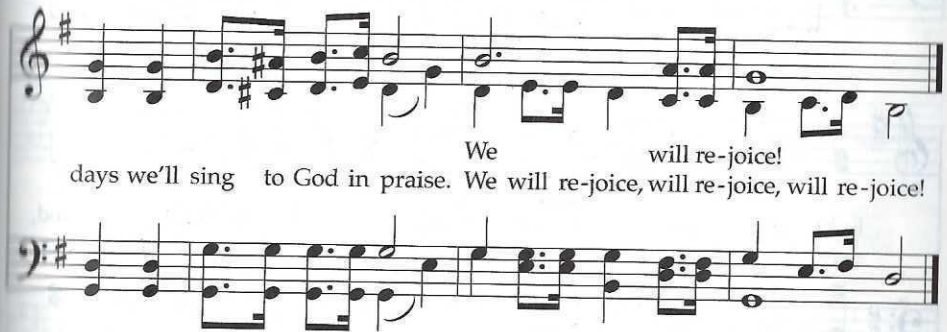
When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,
 When the earth is giv - en to the meek,
 When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,
 When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

Refrain


we will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce.
 we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce.



joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.
 joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our



We will re-joyce!
 days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!

What does it mean to pray "thy kingdom come"? This text (loosely modeled on Psalm 126) sketches out some of the features that help us to know when God's reign has truly come. The energy of the gospel song tune adds to the sense of rejoicing repeatedly promised in this text.

rious Things of Thee Are Spoken

lo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
ound each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
e, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

l, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
I sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
is de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
o can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

h sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
e they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
nce, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

Appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based

82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.