

SOME HYMNS SUITABLE FOR A MARRIAGE SERVICE

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful ...

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them, every one.
All things bright and beautiful ...

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful ...

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

COME TO A WEDDING (*To the tune of 'Morning has Broken'*)

Come to a wedding,
Come to a blessing,
Come on a day when happiness sings!
Come rain or sun,
Come winter or summer,
Celebrate love and all that it brings.

Thanks for the love,
That holds us together,
Parent and child, and lover and friend;
Thanks to the God,
Whose love is our centre,
Source of compassion, knowing no end.

Come to this wedding,
Asking a blessing,
For all the years that living will prove;
Health of the body,
Health of the spirit,
Now to you both we offer our love.

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

LORD OF THE DANCE

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance, and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me, and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be ...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;
They left me there on a Cross to die.

Dance, then, wherever you may be ...

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
It's hard to dance with the Devil on your back.
They buried my Body, and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance, and I still go on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be ...

They cut me down, and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever you may be ...

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;

And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled and to console,

To be understood, as to understand,

To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;

Where there is darkness, only light;

And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled and to console,

To be understood, as to understand,

To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

In giving of ourselves that we receive;

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAISE, MY SOUL

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

To his feet thy tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him! Praise him, praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,

Well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hands he gently bears us,

Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him, praise him! Praise him, praise him,

Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;

Ye behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him,

Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him, praise him! Praise him, praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

SING HOSANNA

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the end of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the end of day.

Sing hosanna...

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
Keep me resting till the end of day.

Sing hosanna...

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the break of day.

Sing hosanna...

WE PLEDGE TO ONE ANOTHER (To the tune of 'I Vow to Thee my Country')

We pledge to one another, before the Lord above,
Entire and whole and perfect, this union of our love -
A love that will be patient, a love that will be wise,
That will not twist with envy, nor lose itself in lies;
A love that will not falter, a love to hold us fast,
And bind us to each other as long as life shall last.

We pray that God will guide us through all the years to be,
Our lives be shaped by courage, hope and serenity.
Through joy and celebration, through loneliness and pain,
May loyalty, compassion and tenderness remain,
That those who share the blessing of love that cannot cease
May walk the paths of gentleness into the place of peace.