# A Collection of Songs for Children's Class Teachers

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Email: instituto@ruhi.org Website: www.ruhi.org We are providing in this volume a collection of songs that we hope will be helpful to teachers in their efforts to conduct Bahá'í children's classes. Included here are the twenty-four songs that appear in our lessons for Grade 1, along with many more from which teachers of students in the higher grades can select. Some of the songs in the collection are related to spiritual qualities, while others have to do with the history of the Faith and the Figures of Bahá'u'lláh and the Báb.

Each song includes both lyrics and chords. For those who wish to learn to play the songs on the guitar, chord fingering diagrams are also included. As an assistance to teachers, recordings of the songs are available for downloading from our public website, www.ruhi.org.

Teachers should be aware that a few of the songs, "Queen of Carmel" for example, may be too difficult for young children to sing themselves, but have been included here nonetheless because listening to them will ennoble their spirits and touch their hearts. For such songs, it is suggested that teachers might sing the verses and have the students join them in singing the chorus.

Of course, teachers should by no means limit themselves to the songs found in this book. In every language of the world, there are beautiful songs that children will enjoy singing. Most teachers of Bahá'í children's classes will gradually compile their own collection of songs that children find engaging and that help to reinforce in their minds concepts presented in the lessons.

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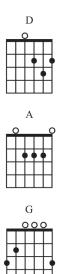
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# A Noble Way

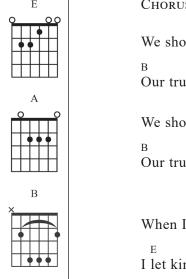
By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute

D Justice is a noble way
•
A D Justice brings a brighter day
G D A light to those in need
A D Shining through good deeds
D A D Oh, justice is the way
D
We know 'Abdu'l-Bahá would share
A D Showing love and showing care
G D He was content with less
A D In order to bring happiness
D A D He was content with less
D To be just we have to give
A D
Share our love and joy to live
G D Sharing blessings we receive
A D A better world we will achieve
D A D Oh, justice is the way
(repeat first stanza, singing last line twice)



#### At All Times

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



CHORUS:

We should at all times manifest

Our truthfulness and sincerity

We should at all times manifest

Our truthfulness and sincerity (repeat)

When I speak, I share from the bottom of my heart

I let kind and true words be my art

Oh what a treasure is sincerity

A beautiful mix of honesty and purity

E A E

Oh what a treasure is sincerity

When I serve, I give from the bottom of my heart I purify my thoughts and pray before I start This way my actions can build true unity Oh what a treasure is sincerity Oh what a treasure is sincerity When I pray, I pray from the bottom of my heart

I close my eyes and think of God I don't think of my desire, I don't think of what I need I think of how sincerity can shine through my deeds Oh what a treasure is sincerity

Chorus (repeat twice)

#### Bahá'u'lláh

#### By Creadell Haley

D A7 Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'u'lláh

D G A D Bahá, Bahá'u'lláh

The Glory of God, the Glory of God The Glory, the Glory of God

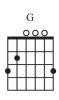
The Prince of Peace, the Prince of Peace The Prince, the Prince of Peace

The Promised One of All the Ages The Promised One of All the Ages

Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'u'lláh Bahá, Bahá'u'lláh



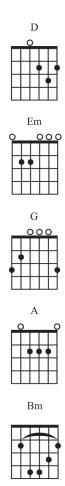






### Bahá'u'lláh, the Glory of God

By Pat Morrissey



Bahá'u'lláh the Glory of God

G D
Came to bring a new Day

D Em
Of harmony and unity

G D
He had told us of the new way

A Bm
That all men should live as one

A Bm
Now what could be wrong with that

A Bm
But they enchained and imprisoned Him

G Em D
In a dungeon cold and black

And there He remained for four long months Amongst thieves and highwaymen And each and every other day The gaolers murdered His friends One night He dreamt a glorious dream In that dark and lonely den "We will render Thee victorious By Thyself and by Thy Pen"

And when at last they set Him free
He wandered many lands
Exiled for His purity
How He suffered at their hands
Imprisoned for over thirty years
Poisoned by the jealous
But through all this His course was clear
He would emerge victorious

# Be Fair

#### By Joan Lincoln and Carol Sprague

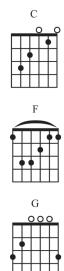
CHORUS:	A
A Be fair, be fair	
And strive to provide for the comfort of all	
A Be fair, be fair	E7
And strive to provide for the comfort of all	
A E When we are fair in our dealings with others  E7 A We gain the trust of our sisters and brothers	E
A7 D When things are divided equitably	A7
E A Justice will shine for the world to see	
Chorus	D
When you give true comfort and aid You'll follow the path that the Master laid	

When wise and just in what you say and do You'll bring joy to hearts around you

CHORUS

### Be Hopeful

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



C F
The future we can never know
G C
What will happen the next day
C F
Yet bounties never cease to flow

Trust in God and make your way

CHORUS:

F G Be hopeful, be hopeful

And find God's bounties everywhere

The sun will rise

And fill the skies
C F

Look up with expectant eyes

F G C

Look to Him with hopeful eyes

Be ever hopeful, strive to grow And winter will give way to spring His bounties never cease to flow They're bringing life to everything

CHORUS

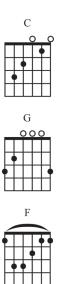
Be a source of joy and peace Serve and let the spirit glow Remember bounties never cease Be hopeful for tomorrow

CHORUS

# Be Like the Earth

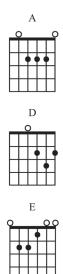
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C G See the earth
F G C It's so humble
C Has all God's wealth to give
F G C Everything we need to live
C G Lets us walk on it every day
F G C But have you ever heard it say
C G "I am richer
F G C Greater than you"
See the tree It's so humble The more its fruits abound It bows closer to the ground And shares the fruit that way But have you ever heard it say "I am richer Greater than you"
C G Be like the earth
F G C Be like the tree
C G Rise to the heaven of glory
F G C On the wings of humility
C G Rise to the heaven of glory



## Bestow Upon Me My Portion

By Joan Lincoln



CHORUS:

Α

Bestow upon me my portion

D A

O Lord, O Lord

D

Bestow upon me my portion

A

As it pleaseth Thee

Α

It's easy to be content

D

When things are going well

Α

It's easy to be content

E

Α

When you're feeling swell

D

Α

But what is really more challenging

Е

A

Is to be content when things go wrong

D

Α

To be patient in times of difficulty

Ε

A

Perhaps even sing a song

Chorus

From the time He was a boy
The Master suffered indignities
From early in His life
He hardly had any comfort or ease
But He remained content and calm
Never full of anxiety
He trusted in God and accepted His Will
Continued on ever patiently

Chorus

# Brighter Than the Sun

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute

C	G	D	G
Truthfulness is	brighter than	the light of th	ie sun
C	G	D	G
Truthfulness is	s brighter than t	the light of th	ne sun
C	G	D	G
With truthfulne	ess, O people, l	beautify your	tongues
C	G	_	G
With truthfulne	ess, O people, l		tongues
Honesty adorns the soul of everyone			

Honesty is brighter than the light of the sun Honesty is brighter than the light of the sun

## **Busy Hands**

#### By Mary Davis and Wilford Johnson



CHORUS:

C F

Busy hands make happy children

3

Happy children can be found

C F

Making other people happy

C F G C Spreading peace and love around

C F

Working hands to build a new world

C G

Everybody has a role

C F

All of us can be so thankful

F G C

For we soon shall reach our goal

#### CHORUS

God will help us build a new world Where we all help someone else All of us will love our neighbor More than we love our own selves

CHORUS (with last line repeated)

#### Firm in the Love of God

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute

G C We walk, we walk

D G We walk the path of God

G C We're firm, we're firm

D G Firm in our love of God

 ${\rm ^{G}}$  We walk the path of God

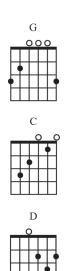
D G When troubles come our way

G C We're firm in our love of God

And on His path we stay

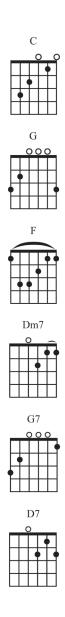
We serve, we serve
We serve the Cause of God
We're firm, we're firm
Firm in our love of God
We serve the Cause of God
Always doing our part
We're firm in our love of God
And serve with a joyful heart

We stand, we stand
We stand, hearts turned towards God
We're firm, we're firm
Firm in our love of God
We stand, hearts turned towards God
Never doubting His aid
We're firm in our love of God
And all our sorrows fade



## Fountain of Generosity

By Mildred N. McClellan



Be a fountain, be a spring

C

G

Be an ever-flowing thing

F

C

It is true that if you do

Dm7

G7

C

Happiness will come to you

F

C

Search your heart every day

D7

Is there something you can give away

Happiness should be your goal
Give your heart, and give your soul
It is true that if you do
God will always be with you
Search your heart every day
Is there something you can give away

Happiness should be your goal Give your heart, and give your soul It is true that if you do God will always be with you

# Gather by the Gate

By R. Gregory Shaw

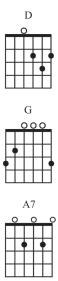
CHORUS:	A
A D A	
Gather by the gate	••
D G D Gather by the gate	
A Bm The Glory of God will enter by	D .
A D The gate that faces east	
Em A Let everyone that seeks	G
A D Gather by the gate	•
A D	Bm
We will come rejoicing	
A D With our hearts afire	•
Em D	
Hear the Prophet speaking	Em
Em D Bm E Every soul aspires to find its Lord	• •
Chorus	Е
Like the roar of waters 'Round the earth is heard Coming as the Father Speaking as the Word of God returned	A7
Chorus	0 0

Gather by the gate

Gather by the gate

## I Have Found Bahá'u'lláh

By Nosisana Velem



I have found Bahá'u'lláh

A7

In the early days of my life

D

I will keep Him in my heart

A7

D

And stay with Him forever

Alláh-u-Abhá Alláh-u-Abhá Alláh-u-Abhá And stay with Him forever

#### I Thank and Praise Thee Lord

By Joan Lincoln

 $\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{Am} & & \text{Em} \\ I \text{ thank and praise Thee Lord} \end{array}$ 

F G For the crown of mercy

C Am Set upon my head

F C
It will forever glow

G7 Am The more gratitude I show

Dm G7 C I thank and praise Thee Lord

I thank and praise Thee Lord For the love and knowledge Implanted in my heart They will grow and grow The more gratitude I show I thank and praise Thee Lord

I thank and praise Thee Lord For the light of truth That illumines my eyes I will see Thy bounties flow The more gratitude I show I thank and praise Thee Lord I thank and praise Thee Lord















#### I Want to Be Happy

#### Composer Unknown



Ε7



Dm



Am

There is something you must know

.m E

In this Faith we have to show

Dn

We are men of deeds, not of words

Am E7 Am Our very life should show our Faith to friend and foe

CHORUS:

Am

I want to be happy

An

I want to be strong

Am

To be His servant

Am

My whole life long

Dm An

So, I must obey the laws of God

An

Yes, I must obey the laws of God

There is something you must know In this world of pomp and show People are tired of empty speech They want to see you practice what you teach

CHORUS

#### In Japan

#### By Richard Grover

D G D
In Japan, Afghanistan, Peru and Zanzibar

D E7 A7
With bongos and marimbas, banjos and guitar

D D7 G
People are singing, haven't you heard

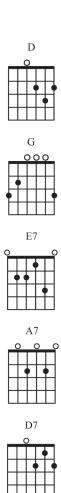
D G A7 D
A new Day is dawning, we have brand new words

"The world is but one country," we're learning this today
"And all mankind its citizens," these words will show the way
For all of us to fully learn our talents and worth
So we can build a new world order, here on earth

We have all been likened to leaves upon one tree Flowers in one garden, waves upon one sea Brilliant shining stars, radiant candles, rays of light Birds singing in the garden day and night

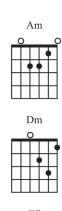
Make the nations one, let religions all agree Be occupied with service to all humanity Nothing less than unity can satisfy our minds So tell the world about the oneness of mankind

In Japan, Afghanistan, Peru and Zanzibar With bongos and marimbas, banjos and guitar People are singing, haven't you heard A new Day is dawning, we have brand new words



#### In the Garden of Ridván

#### By Leslie Garrett



CHORUS:

Am Dm Roses, roses everywhere, as far as you could see Dm Am E7 Am In the Garden of Riḍván in eighteen sixty-three

Bahá'u'lláh invited all to the garden of delight

E7

While His servants slept, He kept a vigil through the night

Am

Watchful were the nightingales who sang from dusk to dawn

Dm

Am

E7

Am

Enamored of the roses, they rejoiced the whole night long

#### **CHORUS**

Rose-like was beauty of the One adored by all Enraptured by His Greatness soon the mightiest would fall Upon His head the taj of leadership was carried high Proclaiming Him the Promised One which no man could deny

#### CHORUS

Joy and sadness filled His soul, for He knew His destiny That banishment and exile He'd endure to set us free Around His blessed tent the nightingales would greet the sun Their melodies proclaimed that the Greatest Day had just begun

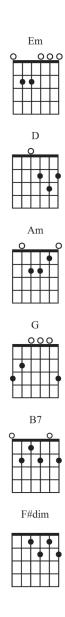
CHORUS (with last line repeated)

# In This Day

## By Frederick Ward

C C7 F In this Day Bahá'u'lláh	C
C Am G Talkin' to the world about justice	
C C7 F F#dim Oh, what a wonder this justice	C7
C G7 C Surely it's the Day of God	• •
In this Day Bahá'u'lláh Talkin' to the world about oneness Oh, what a wonder this oneness Surely it's the Day of God	F
F C G7 C Blessed Beauty, Blessed Beauty	
F F#dim C D G G7 Oh, hal-le-lu-jah He has come	G
In this Day Bahá'u'lláh Talkin' to the world about oneness Oh, what a wonder this oneness Surely it's the Day of God	F#dim
Dm G C Am Surely it's the Day of God	• •
Dm G C Surely it's the Day of God	G7
	D
	Dm

#### By R. Gregory Shaw



I'll walk the path of my Lord I'll walk the path of my Lord D F#dim And when I fall, like all men, Em I will hope for His grace I'll walk the path of my Lord I'll seek the pleasure of my Lord I'll seek the pleasure of my Lord And what He asks, like Quddús, I will make my desire I'll seek the pleasure of my Lord I'll bear the banner of my Lord I'll bear the banner of my Lord And unafraid, like Ḥusayn, I will raise up His Name I'll bear the banner of my Lord

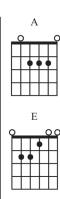
#### By Nancy Ward

To be sung in a round:

A E
Love, love, love is everywhere

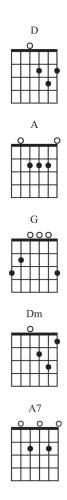
A E
Listen, listen all created things

A E
Listen, listen all created things



### Joy Gives Us Wings

By Joan Lincoln



D A D G D
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings
D A D A D
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

In times of joy, our strength grows in might

A
D
In times of joy, our intellect takes flight

A
D
In times of joy, our understanding is bright

D
A
D
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm

But when sadness visits us, when sadness visits us

A Dm A Dm

We become weak, our strength goes away

A Dm A Dm

Our insights are dim, our thoughts become gray

A7

How-ev-er

Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

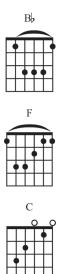
In times of joy, our strength grows in might In times of joy, our intellect takes flight In times of joy, our understanding is bright Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

# Kam Kam

### Music by Bob Simms Lyrics by Bob and Linda Simms

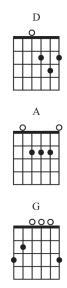
B F There are times we get discouraged		
C F		
Faults are many, strengths are few		
B F Not enough time to do what we should		
C F We want to give up, there's so much to do		
B F That's when we listen to the Master		
Forget about self and the world today		
B F C That's when we listen to the Master's words of encouragement		
F He would say		
Chorus:		
B F C F Kam kam, ruz beh ruz, little by little, day by day		
B F C F Kam kam, ruz beh ruz, little by little, day by day		
B F C F Kam kam, ruz beh ruz, little by little, day by day		
B F C F Kam kam, ruz beh ruz, little by little, day by day		
Joy gives wings, let's be happy Pray those troubles all away "When hearts are filled with praise and gratitude There will be time enough," He would say		
So don't forget, listen to the Master Patiently He showed us the way Don't forget, listen to the Master's words of encouragement Every day		

CHORUS



## Kindling the Fire of God's Love

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



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In my heart
There is a flame
That God has placed
A special flame
This is the fire
The fire
Of His love
CHORUS:
I will pray
         I will pray (echo voice)
To God
To kindle in my heart
                  To kindle in my heart (echo voice)
That flame
The fire of His love
And I will strive
That its light illumines all hearts
Day by day
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I will feed this flame

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As I pray

And do good unto others This flame will grow As I pray And serve mankind

And as this flame burns
As it grows
It will be felt
By all who come
its way
It will bring warmth
to all
Who come its way

CHORUS

# Light Up the Whole Wide World

## By Gina and Russ Garcia

E	Е
	We will light unlit candles across the universe
	A E
	We will light up the whole wide world
A	E Let their brilliance dispel all the shadows of the night
	A E
•••	Let the world be aflame with light
E#7	A E
F#7	We will roar like the lion and soar like the eagle
	A E
•	And show all the people the way
	A E We will each of us reach one and each of us teach one
B7	
	F#7 B7 To follow God's plan for today
	•
	E
G#7	We will change hate to love, and we know that war will cease
× ×	A E
<b>++++</b>	We will light up the world with peace
	E Let the fire of our love be the bettle ery of all
В	Let the fire of our love be the battle cry of all
×	On the edge of a great new Day
	A B E
• • •	We will light up the whole wide world
	A B
	Each one reach one
	A B Each one teach one
	A B A B Each one reach one, each one teach one
	A B E
	We will light up the whole wide world

#### Look at Me

#### By Jackie Elliot

CHORUS:

C

Look at Me

F

Follow Me

C Am

Be as I am

F G

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Teach the Faith

Follow Me

Be as I am

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Serve your Lord

Follow Me

Be as I am

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Love mankind

Follow Me

Be as I am

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

CHORUS (with last line repeated)



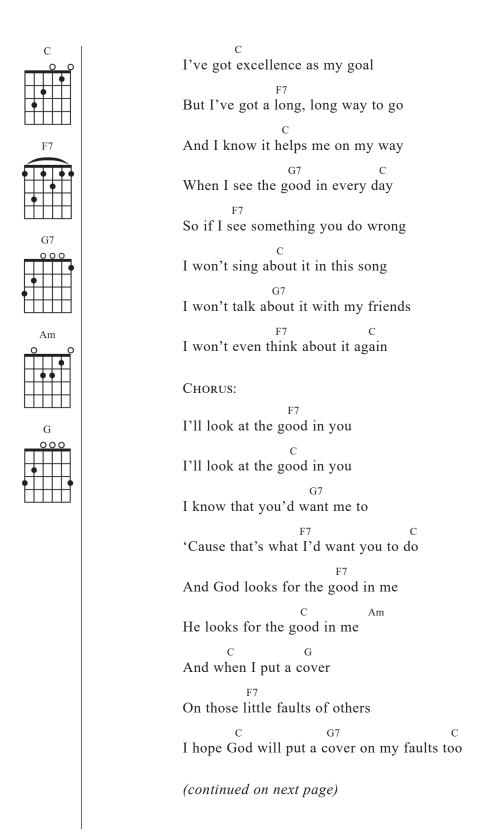






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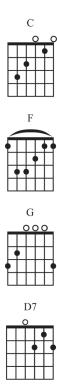
#### By David Hunt



'Abdu'l-Bahá was very wise
He saw your heart inside your eyes
And when He noticed something wrong
He'd find some way to make you strong
So if I find some fault in you
I know just what I have to do
I won't go tell anybody else
No, I won't even tell myself

CHORUS

#### By Creadell Haley



C F
Love, love, love, love
G C
Love your fellow man
C F
Love, love, love is
D7 G
How the world began
C F
God loved creation
C G
So He created thee to
C F
Love, love, love Him
G C
And humanity

Love, love, love the Everlasting good Love, love, love the Seed of brotherhood Love all creation For He created thee to Love, love, love Him And humanity

Love God's creatures
Be they near or far
See each human
As a shining star
Love all creation
For He created thee to
Love, love, love Him
And humanity

### Mount Your Steeds

#### By Phil Lucas

Mount your steeds, O heroes of God

G A Bm

The Promised Day has come!

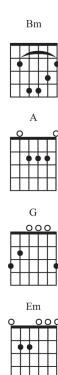
Bm Em Bm Em Heed not your weakness or your frailties

Bm G A Bm Fix your gaze on the Almighty

Mount your steeds, O heroes of God The Promised Day has come! A stream of years have passed us by Since the Blessed Beauty raised His cry

Mount your steeds, O heroes of God The Promised Day has come! The veils of glory have been cast down The Promised One has come now circle 'round

Mount your steeds, O heroes of God The Promised Day has come! Heed not your weakness or your frailties Fix your gaze on the Almighty



# My First Counsel

#### Music by Janis VandenDool



C C/B Am C/B
O Son of Spirit!

C C/B Am C/B
O Son of Spirit!

F G
My first counsel is this

F G
My first counsel is this

F G C Am
Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart

F G C Am
That thine may be a sovereignty

F G C C/B Am C/B
Ancient, imperishable and everlasting

F G C
Ancient, imperishable

# Nightingale of Paradise

#### By Gina and Russ Garcia

Am Nightingale of Paradise, you sing of love

Am D Am
Flooding all the world with light

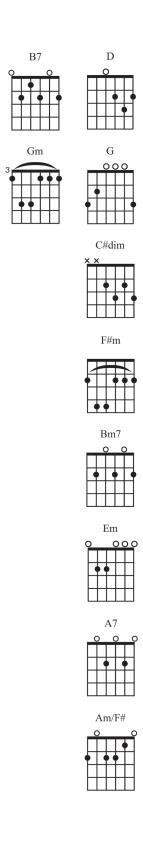
Am G Am
Heedless men hear not your song of life eternal

F G Am
They're lost in the dark of the night

Nightingale of Paradise, you sing of joy
Flooding all the world with love
Singing out your song of peace and brotherhood
With hope for all from above

### O Seeker

#### By Gina and Russ Garcia



D G C#dim Come out of doubt O seeker of light  $^{\rm F\#m}$  Bm7 This is the Day not followed by night

Em A7
This is the Day the Prophets foretold

The Day of one Shepherd (the Day of one fold)

Open your eyes O seeker of truth Bahá'u'lláh the lone Persian Youth Has come to man with new song and name To set hearts on fire (to set hearts aflame)

God sends again

B7 Em

His Prophet to man

To help us unite

To bring His new plan

Come out of doubt O seeker of light
This is the Day not followed by night
This is the Day the Prophets foretold
The Day of one Shepherd (the Day of one fold)

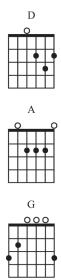
# On the Wings of Detachment

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute

Chorus:	
One day a bird was flying in the sky above	
C F G Full of joy and confidence	Ц
C F G C F G Soaring in this Paradise, his home	Á
C F G C F G As he flew, his hunger began to grow	
C F G C F G So he turned to the water and clay below	
C F Down below	
G C F He was trapped	
G C By his desire	
F G C F G And his wings got covered in mud	
C Too heavy to fly,	
F G C F G He could not return to his home	
Chorus	
Like that bird I belong to the heavens So I will not cling to the earth below I will not cling to riches I will not cling to my wishes I will not cling to anything but God	
C G F G So I will walk on the feet of detachment	
C G F G I will soar on the wings of detachment	
C G F I will free myself of all attachment	
G C To anything but God (repeat)	

### Patience

#### By Leslie Garrett



D A Your legs are getting tired

And the road is very long, long, long

D A
You want to give up trying

And the sun is beating strong

G D No sense gettin' impatient

G D It's useless if you cry

If you take it step by step

A D The time goes rushing by

CHORUS:

G D Patience is the answer

G D When you're sad and blue

G D Patience is rewarded

A D
It brings happiness to you

Your brother doesn't understand
But you've explained it more than twice
You really ought to try again
And do your best to be nice
No sense gettin' impatient
It's useless to be stern
If you show him kindness
It's the way to help him learn

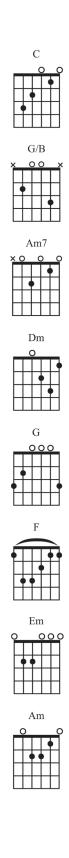
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#### CHORUS

You want to do much better
But still you don't succeed
You wonder why make an effort
And where it all will lead
No sense gettin' impatient
It's silly to do less
If you keep on striving
You'll eventually progress

## Prefer Your Brother

#### Composer Unknown



C G/B Am7 C
I am thirsty, I am thirsty

Dm G C Am7
But my brother, he comes first

F Em Dm C
So I offer him the water

Dm G C
That will quench his thirst

#### CHORUS:

F G C Am
It is a blessing to prefer your brother
F G C Am
This is a way to show you care
F G C Am
It is a blessing to prefer your sister
F G C
You are richer, the more you share

I am hungry, I am hungry And my sister, she is too So I give her some of my food That's what's best to do

## Queen of Carmel

#### By Jeannie Murday

A D A F#m Standing on the mountain

D E A E Looking across the bay

A D A F#n The Queen of Carmel reigns

D E A A7 She reigns majestically

#### CHORUS:

D E A F#m Cry out, O Zion

D E A A7 Cry out to your Lord

D E A F#m Cry out, O Zion

D E D E Circle 'round in adoration

D E A Circle 'round your Lord

Robed in white and crowned in gold She stands for unity God will sail His Ark on thee As mentioned in the Book of Names

#### CHORUS

Unto God, the Lord of Lords Belong kingdoms of earth and heaven Land and sea rejoice this day The Day of Revelation





F#m





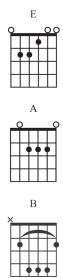






## Radiance

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



E A As we reflect the light that shines from above

B E E Our hearts will radiate with kindness and love

E A As we are joyful, illumined and bright

B E A All those around will feel the warmth of His light

CHORUS:

E A
O Son! O Son of Being!

B E
Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee!

E A
O Son! O Son of Being!

B E
Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee!

The love of God never ceases to flow As we arise to serve its brightness will grow Don't hesitate! Just radiate! With all of your might Till each and every heart is filled with His light

CHORUS (with last line repeated)

# Rise Up and Sing

#### Composer Unknown

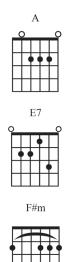
Chorus:	Е
E A Come gather 'round people, and come let us sing	
E B7 E A E A song of the love and the Glory of God	
E7 A And quicken mankind with the song that we sing  E B7 E A E A song of the love and the Glory of God	A
E7 A	B7
Rise up, oh rise and sing!  B7  E  Tell the people of the Message we bring	
E7 A Rise up, oh rise up and sing	E7
B7 E Tell the people of the Message we bring	
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This is the Promised Day, this is the Day of Days Throw your woes and sorrows away This is the Promised Day, this is the Day of Days Throw your woes and sorrows away

Happy, so happy are we We are beholding God's victory Happy, so happy are we We are beholding God's victory

## Sing a New Song

#### By Phyllis Day



A E7 A
Sing a new song, a new day is dawning

A E7 A
Sing a new song, the Promised One has come

A E7 A
Waken the world with songs of your rejoicing

A E7 A
Sing a new song, Bahá'u'lláh has come

E7 A
Long the world in sorrow waited

E7 F#m E7
Now the Dawn of Light is here

A E7 A
Sing a new song and set the world rejoicing
A E7 A
Sing a new song, Bahá'u'lláh has come

Waken the birds, to join in exaltation
Waken the winds, to shout it to the world
Waken the sun to shine throughout the nations
Waken mankind, Bahá'u'lláh is here
Now the light of God is shining
Waken mankind from its sleep

Sing a new song and set the world rejoicing Sing a new song, Bahá'u'lláh is here

# Sing His Praises

# By Creadell Haley

Chorus:	С
C F G C F G Sing His praises, lift your voices high	
C Am D7 G	
Sing Alláh-u-Abhá to the Lord, our God	
C F G C F G Sing at dawn, at noon and eventide	F
C Am Dm G C Sing Alláh-u-Abhá to the Lord, our God	
Am Dm From the mountain to the plain	G
Am Em Am Let there be a great refrain	•
C G C Fill the whole, wide world	Am
With the power of the Greatest Name	
Chorus	D7
Am Dm Am Dm Sing, sing, sing of His Majesty	
Am Dm Am Of His Sovereignty, and Glory	Dm
Dm Am Of God, the All-Powerful	
Dm E7 Am The All-Bountiful, the Omnipotent	Em
Dm Am Of God, the Most Exalted	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Dm E7 Am The Almighty, the All-High	
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Sing, sing, sing of His Graciousness Of His Singleness, and Beauty Of God, the Magnificent The All-Merciful, the Compassionate Of God, the All-Sufficing The All-Knowing, the All-Wise

C F G C F G Sing His praises, lift your voices high

C Am D7 G Sing Alláh-u-Abhá to the Lord, our God

C F G C F G Sing at dawn, at noon and eventide

C Am Alláh-u-Abhá

C Am Alláh-u-Abhá

C Am Dm G C Alláh-u-Abhá to the Lord, our God

# Síyáh-<u>Ch</u>ál

### By Leslie Garrett

Em O OOC D

G

Chorus (with last line repeated)

From the heavens to all on earth The Best Beloved has come

The Day of God has begun

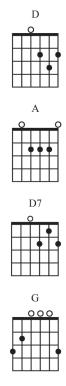
Out of the dungeon a trumpet blast

The Nightingale came to raise up the dead

The world rejoiced when the Maid of Heaven said

## Siyahamba

#### Zulu Traditional



CHORUS:

D Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

A D Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

Siyanamo ekuknanyen kwenknos

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

A D D7

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

G D Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba

A D D7 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba

A D Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

We are marching in the light of God We are marching in the light of God (repeat twice)

We are marching, marching We are marching, marching We are marching in the light of God (repeat twice)

CHORUS

We are singing as one family
We are singing as one family (repeat twice)

Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos (repeat twice)

## Soon Will All That Dwell on Earth

#### Composer of Music Unknown

Am G Am
Soon will all that dwell on earth

Soon will all that dwell on earth (echo voice)

F G Am

Be enlisted under these banners

Be enlisted under these banners

Am G Am

Soon will all that dwell on earth

Soon will all that dwell on earth

F G An

Be enlisted under these banners

Be enlisted under these banners

Am G Am

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá (echo voice)

Am G Am

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

Am G An

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

Am E Am

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

Soon will all that dwell on earth (echo voice)

Be enlisted under these banners

Soon will all that dwell on earth

Be enlisted under these banners

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá (echo voice)

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

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Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

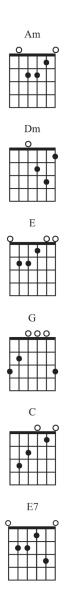








By Joan Lincoln



CHORUS:

Am

The source of courage and power

 $\begin{array}{cccc} & & Dm & E & Am \\ Is \ the \ promotion \ of \ the \ Word \ of \ God \end{array}$ 

Δm

The source of courage and power

Dm E Am
Is steadfastness in His love

G Forget about yourself

Stand up for what is right

E7

Defend those in need

Am

Rely upon His might

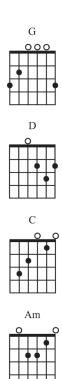
Teach the Word of God Be courageous in your deeds Follow His path To happiness it leads

Chorus

# Ţáhirih

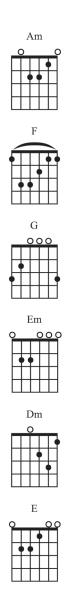
# By Mary Davis

G D
Țáhirih, the pure one
C G
Consolation of the eyes
C G
What I would give to meet you now
Am D
While my life is new
G D
You had the strength I pray for
C G
The courage that life calls for
C G
The Master that I too adore
Am D
Revealed Himself to you
C G
In a dream He stood perfection
C G
And your life it changed direction
C G Am
You knew it then, your life would end
D G
To glorify His Name
D G
To glorify His Name
D G
To glorify His Name



# Táhirih, the Pure

Music by Joan Lincoln Writer of Lyrics Unknown



Am F
Time will but brighten her glory

G Em
Ages will sing of her fame

Am Dm
Herald of women's new station

Am E Am
In Bahá'u'lláh's Era she came

Am F Dm
Rending the veil asunder

Am E Am
Táhirih is her name

Time will but brighten her glory Ages will sing of her fame Herald of women's new station In Bahá'u'lláh's Era she came Rending the veil asunder Táhirih is her name

## That Is How Bahá'ís Should Be

#### Composer Unknown

I love the Master

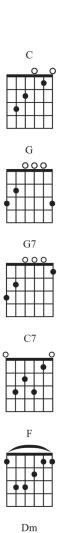
G
The Master loves me
G
G
G
G
G
G
G
G
C
He shows me how Bahá'ís should be

C
T
Trusting in God faithfully

G
T
That is how Bahá'ís should be

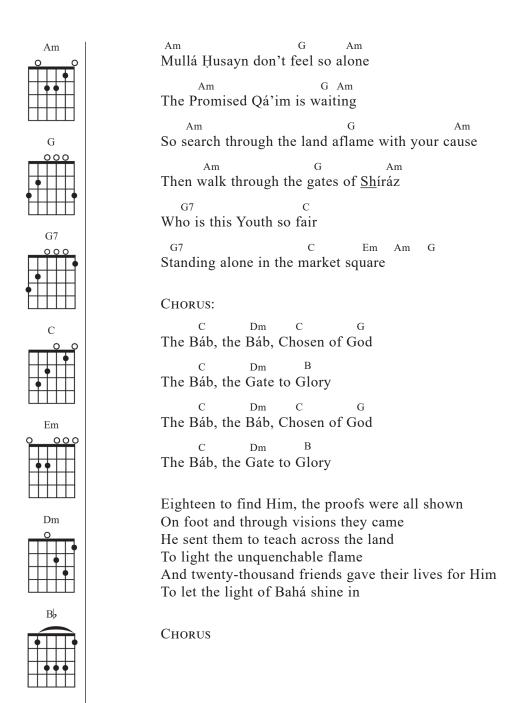
I love the Master
The Master loves me
He shows me how Bahá'ís should be
Praying for guidance constantly
That is how Bahá'ís should be

I love the Master
The Master loves me
He shows me how Bahá'ís should be
God's Will, not my will, my prayer will be
That is how Bahá'ís should be



## The Báb

#### By Joyce Deardorff



## The Bábís of Tabarsí

By R. Gregory Shaw

Three hundred thirteen faithful sheltered by the wall

Dm C Dm

Greedy prince of Persia land bound to see them fall

Dm C Dm

All the evil forces lined up before their eyes

Dm C Dm

The Bábís of Ṭabarsí, giving up their lives

Brave Quddús, the Living Letter, raised a guiding hand Here's a place we've come to give our lives in love for man Though I know you all will go before their vicious lies The Bábís of Ṭabarsí, giving up their lives

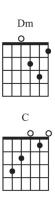
Sound the Faithful Trumpet, Husayn, take your mighty sword Few the True Companions, but all strength is from the Lord Send the coward enemies in flight before your cries The Bábís of Ṭabarsí, giving up their lives

Reinforced, the prince's armies dare again to fight But Holy blood can only feed and not put out the Light Let the world to a man against this handful rise The Bábís of Ṭabarsí, giving up their lives

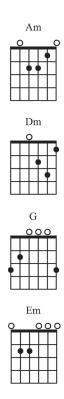
Husayn falls, Quddús is wounded, the haughty armies cheer But never will the surrounded Bábís knell to dust in fear Boots and horses' leather, yes, on that they did survive The Bábís of Tabarsí, giving up their lives

Swearing on the Holy Book, the prince writes down his plea "You've shamed my mighty forces, come out, you can go free!" So the trusting Bábís fell into the liars' knives The Bábís of Tabarsí, giving up their lives

Now the Holy Candle draws the people to its Flame But long will live the infamy of Persia's endless shame Their treachery and trickery, no history denies The Bábís of Tabarsí gave the Lord their lives



#### By Chong Boo Haw



Am Dm Am
The Blessed Beauty said

G Am G Am
There was a wisdom in His coming

Am Dm Am
And yet there was another

G Am G Am
Greater wisdom in His going

Em Am
We grieved when He was gone

G Am G Am
How many Bahá'ís felt lost and forlorn

Em Am
But read the Book of 'Ahd

G Am G Am
You will be awed by the Mystery of God

'Abdu'l, 'Abdu'l-Bahá
Sheltering Branch from this Ancient Root
Perfect Exemplar of His Father's teachings
Centre towards whom everyone turns
The binding Covenant
A token of grace from Bahá'u'lláh
Did ye but know it, friend
It's like an ocean to thirsty men

The chord of unity
Flows through Shoghi, Shoghi Effendi
Grandson of the Master
Shoghi Effendi was a true brother
Upon the foundations he laid
The Divine Edifice was raised
He appealed to you and me
To stay in line with the House Divine
Please stay in line with the House Divine

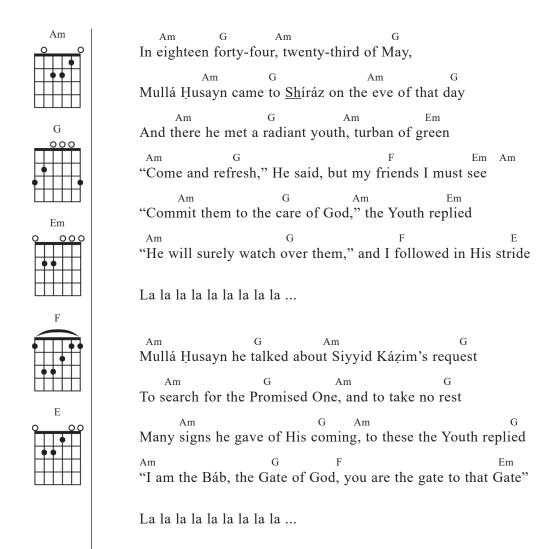
# The Human Race Is One

# By Gina and Russ Garcia

Chorus:	D
D	
We are many faces (dou shi but tong mian kong)	
D Living 'neath the sun (tong zai lan tian shai)	
	Gmaj7
Gmaj7 We may be many colors (dou shi but tong fu se)	2 2
G A Bm G A Bm But the human race is one (wo men yi ran shi yi jia)	G
G Dmaj7 Humanity is like a lovely garden	000
	•
G Dmaj7 With different colored flowers every where	A
Gmaj7 Bm Let's take the time to know each other better	•••
G Em A A7 And find a way to show someone you care	Bm
Chorus	
Humanity is like a lovely garden	
With many different cultures we can see	Dmaj7
It's not enough to only love your country  Let's take the time to love humanity	
Det 5 take the time to love numanity	
Chorus	Em
	0 000
F#m Come on all you people now	••
Bm	
Please listen to our plea	A7
F#m	• •
You know deep down inside our skin	
G Em A7 We're one humanity	F#m
Chorus (with last line repeated)	
CHOROS (with tust time repeated)	<del>             </del>

## The Primal Point

#### By Dom O'Driscoll



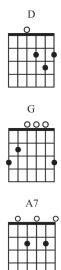
# The Prince of Peace

# By Lloyd Haynes

Chorus:	Am
Am G Am They called Him the Prince of Peace	
Am G Am They called Him the Prince of Peace	
F E F E From Constantinople to Adrianople	G • • • •
Dm E7 Am To 'Akká, the prison by the sea	•
Am G Am There lived a Man across the ocean	F
There lived a Man across the sea	
Am G Am He spoke of love, He spoke of justice	E
Dm E7 Am He spoke to man of unity	••
Chorus	Dm O
His Teachings spread from kings to laymen His Teachings spread to all mankind His Teachings took in all religions And left no helpless soul behind	E7
CHORUS (with last line repeated)	••

## The Promise

By Leona Herzig



D G D The Báb, the Gate, told the people of the coming

G A7 D The coming of Bahá'u'lláh

D Bahá'u'lláh was the Prophet of God

G A7 D The Prophet, the Glory of God

CHORUS:

G D The Covenant is a promise

A7 D And a chain of unending love

That God will never leave man alone

'Abdu'l-Bahá, the Son of the Prophet The servant of the Glory of God Shoghi Effendi, the grandson of the Servant The Guardian of the Cause of God

CHORUS

The Universal House of Justice Trustee of the laws of Bahá'u'lláh The laws of the Glory of God

## The Promised One

### By Donna Taylor

Dn

The mighty trumpet blew

Gm

All the stars did fall

Dm

All things were made new

Gm

The nightingale did call

#### CHORUS:

Dm C Dm

Bahá'u'lláh

Dm C Dm

Bahá'u'lláh

Every eye has seen Every ear has heard Heaven's gates resound With God's new holy Word

#### Chorus

Lo the Prince of Peace The Promised One of all Through the power unleashed The mighty ones did fall

CHORUS (repeat twice)







### The Shores of 'Akká

#### By Leslie Garrett



Em D
The ship was approaching the shores of 'Akká
C Em
Sixty-seven were aboard
Em D

The Peerless One among them whose fate they longed to share

The prisoners called Him their Lord

The jeering crowd awaited as He entered through the gate

Their hearts were full of hatred and scorn

C G Bahá'u'lláh would change them, would make their eyes to see

D Em
The world would soon be calling Him Lord

They led them to the barracks where great hardships were in store Bread and water were denied Banishment and exile were the price they had to pay To keep the Blessed Beauty by their side

A place of desolation, full of filth and dread disease By every passing bird it was abhorred For four and twenty years the Most Great Prison was a home For the One that all the world would call their Lord

Blessed he that reaches the shores of 'Akká Door of Hope that's open to all Where every prayer is heard and every poor one is assured A place in the Banquet Hall of God

The Promise of All Ages came to bring us faith and peace His Most Exalted Pen our hope restored Soon will all enlist beneath the banner of His light And all the world will call Him their Lord All the world will call Him their Lord All the world will call Him their Lord

## The Singing Wind

#### By Phyllis Day

The wind is singing in the mountains

A7

Across the valleys and the plain

D

And calling joyous in the islands

D

"Let love and unity reign"

D

G

"Let love and unity reign"

D

G

"Let love and unity reign"

D

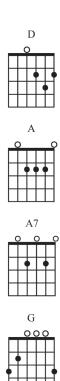
G

The wind is singing in the mountains

The crickets crying in the valleys
Can't see the brilliance of the dawn
Can't hear the singing in the mountains
"The Promised One has come"
"The Promised One has come"
The Promised One has come"
The wind is singing in the mountains
"Bahá'u'lláh has come"

"Let love and unity reign"

So let us shout it from the mountains And fill the world with the song The wind is singing in the mountains "Bahá'u'lláh has come" Oh hear the song of the wind Come sing the song of the wind The wind is singing in the mountains "Bahá'u'lláh has come"



By Nancy Ward





Em







PART I:

D Bm The soul is the sun

Em

And the earth is the body

The soul is the light

And the body is the lamp

D Bm

The soul is the flame

And the body is the candle

The soul is the bird

Em

And the body is the cage

PART II:

D Bm

It shines

Em

It flows

D

It flies

Em

It glows

(Then Part I and Part II can be sung together by two different groups. The second part can also be sung in harmony.)

# There's a New Wind Blowin'

By Phil Lucas and Russ Garcia

CHORUS:	Е
E D E D There's a new wind blowin'	• •
E D E D Across the sea	
E D E D There's a new wind blowin'	D
E D E D A callin' me	
G E G E It's a new way for a new Day	G
G E Gonna set all men free	
A B It makes you strong as a mountain	A
A B You move like the sea	•
A B With wings like a bird flying	В
A D B	

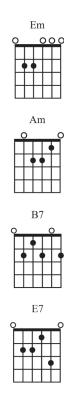
CHORUS

Through eternity

It sings of love and one world And one mankind With no more war we will All have peace of mind

## This Is the Day

#### By R. Gregory Shaw



Em Am
God made a gate to lead us to the path of glory

Em B7 Em
Today is the Day of 'Alí, the Báb

Em Am
God made a gate to lead us to the path of glory

Em B7 Em
Today is the Day of 'Alí, the Báb

Today is the Day, we sing of the Day

B7
Em E7
Today is the Day of 'Alí, the Báb

Am Em
Today is the Day, we sing of the Day

B7
Em
Today is the Day of 'Alí, the Báb

God sent the Promised One to shine in all His Glory Today is the Day of Bahá'u'lláh (repeat)

Today is the Day, we sing of the Day Today is the Day of Bahá'u'lláh (repeat)

God made a covenant to bind us to His Glory Today is the Day of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (repeat)

Today is the Day, we sing of the Day Today is the Day of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (repeat)

God sent His Word to build a world of love and unity Today is the Day and the word is Bahá'í (repeat)

Today is the Day, we sing of the Day Today is the Day and the word is Bahá'í (repeat)

## Thokozani

#### By Benjamin Dlamini

Thokozani nina mhlaba wonkhe

D7 G
Lelilanga lokukhanya

G D7
Thokozani nina mhlaba wonkhe

D7 G G7
Lelilanga lelikhulu

C G
Kukhon'ukhol'oluka Bahá

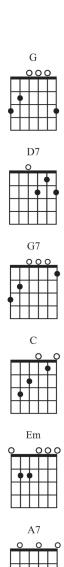
D7 G G7
Umhlambi womhlaba

C G Em
Kude kudala silindile

A7 D7 G
Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

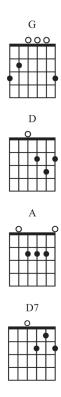
A7 D7 G
Ti Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

Rejoice, rejoice, for a new Day has dawned The whole wide world is all one fold Rejoice, rejoice, for a new Day has dawned The plan of God has now been told The Promised One by the name of Bahá Came to bring a new Day Let us be happy, let us say Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá Say Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá Say Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá



## Truthful Words

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



G D
A mirror that's covered up in dust

A D
Cannot reflect the sun's bright light

G D
A bird with wings all full of mud

A D D7
Is unable to take flight

CHORUS:

G D

When all of our words are truthful

A D D7

Our souls are able to progress

G D

The foundation of all human virtues

A D We know is truthfulness

CHORUS

A ship cannot catch the wind If it is using a torn sail Eyes can't see the path ahead If they are covered up in veils

CHORUS (with last line repeated)

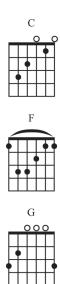
## We Are Drops

#### Composer Unknown

C We are drops We are drops (echo voice) C Of one ocean Of one ocean F We are waves We are waves Of one sea Of one sea CHORUS: Come and join us Come and join us (echo voice) In our quest for unity C F C It's a way of life for you and me We are flowers (echo voice) Of one garden We are leaves Of one tree CHORUS All the earth is (echo voice) But one country

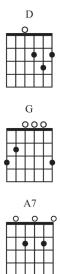
Man is one Can't you see

CHORUS (with last line repeated)



# We Are the People of Bahá

By Donna Taylor



We are the people of Bahá

D
We are the people of Bahá

G
We are the people of

D
We are the people of

A7

D
We are the people of Bahá

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá We are the people of We are the people of We are the people of Bahá

Firmly we walk the path of God Firmly we walk the path of God Until the very last We will be steadfast Firmly we walk the path of God

# We Must Touch the Heart

# By Michael Naylor

CHORUS:	С
C E7 Am We must touch the heart to awaken it	
F G7 C C7 We must sow the priceless seed	E7
F G7 Am D7 Prepare the heart with the warmth of His love	
C G7 C As the sun prepares the soil	Am
Don't oppose your brother's ideas Please don't insist they are wrong Be gentle as you open his heart To the Glory of God	F
When you meet a man who can't understand All the things you say and do Reach out your hand, try to show that you care Don't let words exceed your deeds	G7
F Em Dm C We must touch, touch the heart	
F Em Dm C To awaken it, to awaken it	C7
F Em Dm C We must sow, sow the seed	• •
F Em Dm C Sow the priceless seed, sow the seed	D7
Chorus	
	Em
	••
	Dm
	1 1 1 6 1 1

### What Mankind Has to Learn

#### By Creadell Haley



C F G7

What mankind has to learn is that

C F G7

C There's only one God, throughout the universe

C G7

But man multiplied Him, and so

C C7

There's a your God and my God

F G7

What mankind has to learn is that

C F G7 C

There's only one God to know

There's only one race of men upon the earth But man did divide it, and so There's a *black race*, a *white race* What mankind has to learn is that There's only one race to know

Earth was one country when God gave it to man But man did divide it, and so There's a *China*, a *Turkey*What mankind has to learn is that Earth is one country to know

Religions are one as the Prophets all have sung But mankind denied them, and so There's a *just my religion* What mankind has to learn Is religions are one thing to know

There's only oneness throughout the world of God But man won't believe it, and so He divides and multiplies it, oh Won't he ever learn That there's only oneness to know

# Who Is the Prophet of God for Today

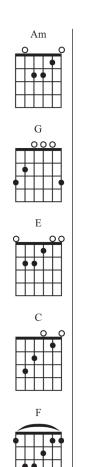
By Saul Accouche

D G D Who is the Prophet of God for today	D O
A D Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'u'lláh	
D G D Who told the world all religions are one	G
A D Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'u'lláh	•
Chorus:	
D7 G Bahá'u'lláh came for all mankind  A D He brought us love and peace of mind	A
D7 G He said man should live as one	D7 0
A7 D There is no place for us to run	•
Who brought this Message of love to mankind Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'u'lláh Who said that justice was best in His sight Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'u'lláh	A7

Chorus

### Will You Give Your Life

#### By Joan Lincoln



Am G Am
Will you give your life to Bahá'u'lláh

Am E
Will you give your life to Bahá'u'lláh

Am G C E
Will you give your earthly possessions, your worldly desires

F G Am
Your whole life to Bahá'u'lláh

Yes, I'll give my life to Bahá'u'lláh

Yes, I'll give my life to Bahá'u'lláh Yes, I'll give my earthly possessions, my worldly desires My whole life to Bahá'u'lláh

Will you give your heart to Bahá'u'lláh Will you give your heart to Bahá'u'lláh Will you be a flame of fire, a river of light Give your heart to Bahá'u'lláh

Yes, I'll give my heart to Bahá'u'lláh Yes, I'll give my heart to Bahá'u'lláh Yes, I'll be a flame of fire, a river of light Give my heart to Bahá'u'lláh

Will you give your life to Bahá'u'lláh Will you give your life to Bahá'u'lláh Will you be a flame of fire, a river of light Give you life to Bahá'u'lláh

G Am
To Bahá'u'lláh
G Am
To Bahá'u'lláh
G Am
To Bahá'u'lláh

# Yes I Believe You

# By Nicolas Tchamegni

G C G You tell me about this new Age	G 000
D D7 G How thrilling the world ought to be	•
G G7 C Am You tell me that mankind is one family	С
D D7 G And that there is a way to world peace	
Chorus:	D
G D D7 G Yes I believe you, yes I believe you	
G G7 C Am Yes I believe you, I believe you	
D D7 G I believe you with all my heart	D7 •
You talk of a new race of men People who have all their trust in God	
Men and women who are doing their best To bring divine unity to all	G7
Chorus	
You say that the Glory of God Over a hundred years ago	Am
Came to fulfill all God's promises to man And usher in a new golden Age	

