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HARPS OF WELCOME — **Traditional Shaker Song**
arr. Jordan Sramek

Nora McCarthy, soloist

We would greet our kindred true, and your life with strength renew;
Break ye waves of joy in music, let the harps of welcome ring!
Love, rejoicing and thanksgiving, we with happy spirits bring;
Many blessings we're possessing, these we freely would impart.
May the wealth of deep affection bind more closely heart to heart;
Oh receive the love we bring, while the harps of welcome ring!

KYRIE — **Agneta Sköld**

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

ALLEGRO *from A Wedding Serenade* — **Antonio Vivaldi**

The Italian Antonio Vivaldi wrote this wonderful French Serenada which was first performed in 1725. It is sometimes listed as *La Gloria [e] Himeneo*. The piece was commissioned by the French ambassador to Venice— Jacques-Vincent Languet— to commemorate the wedding of Louis XV to the Polish princess Maria Leszczynska. The story involves two characters, Imene (a mythological god and offspring of Apollo) and La Gloria (an allegorical character). ~Z. Randall Stroope

These shall enjoy even more of their pleasure, once [they are] in the embrace of true contentment.
The blessed torch shines for now, lighting the path to true happiness, but only amidst a long-awaited calm.

SONG TO THE MOON — **Z. Randall Stroope**

Claire McIlwain, flute & Dr. Jessica Haislip, oboe

La luna, your light sees through endless time, Tell o tell me where my love lies.
O moon e'er you pass, wake my dreaming lover, I am waiting, I am calling, tell him come, tell him O moon.
Moon help him, help him remember and dream of me, Tell him, O tell him, who is waiting, who is longing.
I am waiting, longing. Tell him come. Tell him, O moon.
Help to remember our laughter and tears, mem'ries of summer nights.
Help him remember our triumphs and fears, may this remembrance waken him!
Tell that I am holding firm for at least a while, tell him, moon.
Moon, O moon don't disappear, O moon, silver moon.
O moon, silver moon in the deep, dark sky, your light sees through endless time,
Tell of tell me where my love lies. Tell him come!

AH! SI MON MOINE VOILAIT DANSER! — **arr. Donald Patriquin**
Traditional French Canadian

Oh! If my monk wanted to dance! A hood I would give him.
Dance, my monk dance! You don't hear my mill, la la! You don't hear my mill working.
Oh! If my monk wanted to dance! A belt I would give him.
Oh! If my monk wanted to dance! A rosary I would give him
Oh! If my monk wanted to dance! A woolen frock I would give him.
Oh! If my monk wanted to dance! A fine Psalter I would give him.
If he hadn't taken vows of poverty, Many more things would I give him.

YOU DO NOT WALK ALONE — **Elaine Hagenberg**

Dedicated to Jan Stockton in her fight against cancer

May you see God's light on the path ahead, when the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone,
May you always remember when the shadows fall, you do not walk alone

AIN'T NO GRAVE CAN HOLD MY BODY DOWN — **arr. Paul Caldwell & Steven Ivory**

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ZOOT SUIT RIOT — **arr. David Wright**

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ALLELUIA **Elaine Hagenberg**

All shall be Amen and Alleluia
We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we Shall love.
Behold our end which is no end.

DIOS TE SALVE MARIA **Richard Burchard**

Dios te salve, María, llena eres de gracia; el Señor es contigo. Bendita Tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among all women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

I TOUCH GOD IN MY SONG **Ivo Antognini**

I touch God in my song as the hill touches the far-away sea with its waterfall.
Let my love, like sunlight, surround you and yet give you illumined freedom.
In love I pay my endless debt to thee for what thou art.

IT'S YOU I LIKE **Fred Rogers, arr. David Von Kampen**

It's you I like, It's not the things you wear.
It's not the way you do your hair, But it's you I like the way you are right now, The way down deep inside you Not the things that hide you, not your toys. They're just beside you.

But it's you I like every part of you. Your skin, your eyes, your feelings,
Whether old or new. I hope that you'll remember even when you're feeling blue
That it's you I like, It's you yourself It's you. It's you I like.

GREAT GOD ALMIGHTY **arr. Stacey Gibbs**

Stacey V. Gibbs's arrangement of ***Great God Almighty*** *is a traditional African American work song and spiritual offering a powerful musical portrait of the terror, anguish, and profound spiritual resilience. Through vivid imagery of a cruel overseer pursuing an enslaved person, the text confronts the brutality of slavery and the constant threat of violence while revealing an unwavering determination to survive and resist. The cries for God's mercy and deliverance reflect the central role of faith in sustaining hope amid oppression, transforming song into both a plea for divine justice and an act of defiance. Gibbs intensifies this narrative through driving syncopation, emphatic rhythmic accents, and the contrast between stark unison declarations and rich harmonies, capturing both the anguish of individual suffering and the collective strength of a people.*



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