

# GOODNEWS LETTER

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## SONGS OF THE HEART

*"There's within my heart a melody. Jesus whispers sweet and low. Fear not I am with you, peace by still, in all life's ebb and flow. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know. Fills my every longing, 'KEEPS ME SINGING AS I GO'"*

Every age has songs of life - events of sadness, happiness, danger and safety. All classifications of music meters out life and death, struggles and wars, unity and loneliness.

But, without question, the favorite subject of every style of music is love. In my sixty-plus years of musical awareness, there have been songs about love in Popular, Country/Western, Rock and Roll songs. And, of course, love is the foundation of every precious Religious song.

Popular songs say how much they love some one. Country/Western sings the blues over losing love. And, Rock/Roll loves everything. Then, there's the Religious Songs that fills man's soul with love - God's love. Sacred music presents **Songs of the Heart**.

The reason people sing is *"Because there're happy. They sing because there're free."* (We know) *'His eye is on the sparrow. And, He watches over me.'*

Jesus explained, **"For out of the heart come evil thoughts...these are the things which defile the man:"** Matthew 15:19, 20. However, when the heart is made new, passing the sinner from death and into the life of Jesus, there's a song in the new heart that has to be sung.

People love to sing of their **God**. *"Our Father, which art in heaven. Hallowed by Thy name."* They love to sing of **His blessed Son, Jesus**. *"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Just to take Him at His word."*

Yes! Jesus is the sweetest name we know.

People love sing about the **Holy Trinity**. *"Holy, Holy, Holy. God in three Persons, blessed Trinity."*

**PEOPLE LOVE THE WORDS OF TRUE SALVATION THAT ARE PUT TO MUSIC.** *"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."*

**PEOPLE LOVE THE FACT THAT THE EVIL PAST IS SETTLED.** *"Gone is all my debt of sin. A new life is brought within...Jesus paid it all."*

**HOW PEOPLE LOVE TO SING OF THE GLORIOUS FUTURE.** *"It won't be very long till this short life shall end. It won't be very long till Jesus shall descend."*

**PEOPLE LOVE TO SING OF THE CROSS.** *"In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me."*

One of my very favorite sacred songs is beautifully penned in "**Love Lifted Me.**" It shows that man's natural condition is like a person in a raging ocean.

*"I was sinking deep in sin; far from the peaceful shore. Very deeply stained with sin, sinking to rise no more.*

*But, the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry. From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.*

*Love lifted me. Love lifted me.*

*When nothing else could help, love lifted me."*

*Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves;*

*He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.*

*He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;*

*He your Saviour wants to be -*

*BE SAVED TODAY!*

As life move onward, songs that had meaning become vague or obscure. Other than the music, itself, "**The Wabash Cannonball**" carries little meaning to the modern man. But, I like it. *"Hear the jingle, jangle the rumble and the roar."*

A part of American culture has been protest songs. In the 60's, particularly, there were many protest songs. One that took hold of a lot of people's hearts was Barry McGuire's "**The Eve of Destruction.**" Remember it? Well, it been 40 years now. I wonder, when is this evening going to end?

But, when destruction does actually arrive, Christians will join in harmonious voice and sing that sacred song that we all love to sing today, *"In The Resurrection Morning, what a meeting that will be, we shall raise, Hallelujah, we shall rise."*