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## THE SIGN

*Tune: The Triumphal Entry March, from Aida*

Born to forge, out of the darkest night, the sign of abundant life  
In the midst of strife, struggling, suffering, consuming awe.  
Born to join in the long march with those who love the shattered earth;  
Calling forth new birth, loving men, serving men, unto death.

*Refrain:*

The silence has deafened them, the stillness enlivened them,  
The future has chosen them to give their lives . . .  
Go forth in love for the mystery, beloved of history:  
Blessed in the call, sign of faith, sign of hope, signal of love.

The cry to build the vision of common earth resounds in the heart of man  
Across the sweep of time, echoing, echoing human need.  
And hist'ry's saints with ageless voices claim the promise of myst'ry's love:  
Laying down their lives, following, following, giving all.

## MEN OF THE SPIRIT

*Tune: Meadowlands*

Men of the Spirit, march on to build a new tomorrow,  
Theirs is the will to will one thing and only,  
Theirs is the joy, the godly sorrow.

Men of the Spirit are men of flesh and blood and iron,  
Theirs is the war that's never won, but winning,  
Theirs is the mission never done.

Men of the Spirit are black, tan, brown, white, red and yellow,  
Theirs is the task to build the earth, the future,  
Their lives are given for their fellow.

Men of the Spirit fight on and hold the common vision,  
Theirs is not wealth nor status nor vainglory,  
Theirs is not discord nor division.

Men of the Spirit march on to build a new tomorrow,  
Theirs is the will to will one thing and only,  
Theirs is the joy, the godly sorrow.

## THE VISION

*Tune: Sounds of Silence*

We heard the cry from the past, we heard the cry set forth at last:  
Our ancestors plead to live our time, the crimson line their only awesome sign.  
Now all the earth cries out within our hearts: agony.  
Comes the dawn of silence.

Beyond the wanderings of time, beyond the race of all mankind:  
I see living bodies torn and crushed, life emerging from the arid dust.  
Now the face I see is dark beyond all hope: mystery.  
Comes the dawn of silence.

Pain and joy and hope unfold, pain and joy and hope untold;  
We cannot contain ascending life, nor escape the chaos and the strife.  
Now the wonder of our God is struggle and love: eternally.  
Comes the dawn of silence.

Lightning moment blazing spark, lightning moment in our dark:  
The birth and death of every star and tree, the dread assault of spirit within me.  
Then God confronts me with terror and with love: ecstasy.  
Comes the dawn of silence.

Burning flame and life is born, burning flame and all is gone:  
Trembling and afraid above the abyss, grasping now that only nothing exists.  
Then I plumb the abyss, my life becomes new birth, ceaselessly.  
Comes the dawn of silence.

## THE TRUMPETS ARE SOUNDING

The trumpets are sounding announcing a new day  
Souls are re-aligning, the remnant greets the Jade  
Once dead I wake  
We scatter across the globe and meet some day.

The trumpets are sounding, announcing a new way  
The vision is unfolding, searing light now paves the way  
Struck blind I see  
There's no one else to build the earth but me.

The trumpets are sounding announcing a new man  
Community's emerging, colleagues march from land to land  
Once deaf I hear  
The beat of life and feel no thing to fear.

The trumpets are sounding proclaiming a new world  
New castles are smiling, their spires like catacombs  
Once weak I'm strong  
I leave the past behind and march along.

## CREATE THE NEW WAY

*Tune: Find a Wheel*

Winds of change are whirling round and round  
And a new world dawns; let Everyman take heed  
Winds of change are whirling round and round  
And they call for all to risk a deed.

All the past is but a stepping stone on Man's trek into this present day  
But the future cries for something more, cries to all: create the new Way.  
Winds of change are whirling round and round, and I choose with those upon the Way.

What shall be, somehow, depends on me  
What I am, have been, and now decide to be  
And all Men, of Way, become my we  
And this we becomes the larger me.

We the Way, in time have ever been. With our now, we march toward yet to be  
Ever on, to forge the ever new, for all Men in all history.  
What shall be, somehow, depends on me, and I'm one with those upon the Way.

Winds of change are whirling round and round  
And a new world dawns, let Everyman take heed  
Winds of change are whirling round and round  
And they call for all to risk a deed.

All the past is but a stepping stone on Man's trek into this present day  
But the future cries for something more, cries to all: create the new Way.  
Winds of change are whirling round and round, and I choose with those upon the Way.

## AT THE CENTER TRANQUIL

*Tune: Shenandoah*

Universe, illumination, all unknown, absurd assurance  
Everywhere is found life's meaning, and I, I am the way at the center tranquil.

There's no hope, yet all is hopeful, then no cares, there are no problems  
No enemies, no earthly foes, and I, I am the struggle at the center tranquil.

Pulsing exhilaration, everything's become a blessing  
Embraced by joy, a dance of rapture, and I, I am the stillness at the center tranquil.

Gloriously condemned to die: life is new, a great resurgence  
Community with all the faithful, and I, I am forever at the center tranquil.

## CREATION

*Tune: Early in the Morning*

### *Refrain:*

We stand beyond our life and see, we stand beyond our death and really see  
What's required of men who give their death to history.  
And it is now that we must do what other ones must always seek to be,  
To discover what's required of us to set men free.

A time to set forth a new demand. A time to look into the past.  
For without "what has been," there is no "yet to be."  
Nothing that we do then could last.

No more must men live in poverty, no more in strife and disarray,  
For when all the men create all the earth,  
That shall be the new day.

In those who choose to be all there is pain and misery are lost,  
Transformed because they bring forth human life,  
New life never comes but from a cross.

The global task now has claimed our lives, who knows where our bodies they shall find?  
But with us anew now the mystery appears,  
The meaning of the life of all mankind.

## LOCAL MAN SHALL RISE AGAIN

*Tune: Country Road*

Born in plenty, raised up blind, all turned hollow, something there was wrong.  
Human suffering over all the world--three billion people die and never live.

### *Refrain:*

All the earth belongs to all. That's the vision and the call.  
Local man shall rise again to build the earth, the common earth.

Joined the rebels, lost the past. Saw destruction, nothing really changed.  
Human suffering over all the world--three billion people die and never live.

Then a stranger, loved by none, all was gone, every hope had died.  
Human suffering over all the world--three billion people die and never live.

At the center, awful calm, born of spirit, then my life was gone.  
Human suffering over all the world--three billion people die and never live.

From the center we shall stand, in every nation, throughout every land.  
Building patterns to release the new: dying daily that the new may live.

## TOP OF THE WORLD

Such a feeling's coming over me  
There is wonder in most everything I see.  
Got a cloud in the sky, got the sun in my eyes  
And I won't be surprised if it's a dream

Everything I want the world to be  
Is now coming true especially for me.  
And the reason is clear, it's because you are here  
You're the nearest thing to heaven that I see.

*Chorus:*

I'm on the top of the world lookin' down on creation  
And the only explanation I can find  
Is the love that I've found ever since you've been around  
Your love's put me at the top of the world.

Something in the wind just learned my name  
And it's telling me that things are not the same.  
In the leaves on the trees and the touch of the breeze  
There's a pleasing sense of happiness for me.

There is only one wish on my mind  
When this day is through I hope that I will find  
That tomorrow will be just the same for you and me  
All I need will be mine if you are here.  
(Repeat chorus twice.)

## I DON'T KNOW WHY

I don't know why I love you like I do.  
I don't know why, I just do.  
I don't know why you thrill me like you do.  
I don't know why, you just do.

You never seem to want my romancing.  
The only time you hold me is when we're dancing.  
I don't know why I love you like I do,  
I don't know why, I just do.

## ON A CLEAR DAY

On a clear day, rise and look around you  
And you'll see who you are.  
On a clear day, how it will astound you  
That the glow of your being outshines every star.  
You feel part of ev'ry mountain, sea and shore  
You can hear from far and near  
A world you've never heard before.  
And on a clear day, on that clear day  
You can see forever, and ever, and evermore.

## NEVERTHELESS

Maybe I'm right and maybe I'm wrong  
Maybe I'm weak and maybe I'm strong  
But nevertheless I'm in love with you.

Maybe I'll win and maybe I'll lose  
Maybe I'm in for crying the blues  
But nevertheless I'm in love with you.

Somehow I know at a glance the terrible chances I'm taking;  
Fine at the start, then left with a heart that is breaking.

Maybe I'll live a life of regret  
Maybe I'll give much more than I get  
But nevertheless I'm in love with you.

## WHEN YOU ARE AWARE

*Tune: When You are in Love*

When you are aware, the whole world is a mountain of care,  
Skies constantly weep, over all of the tragedy there,  
Then your life belongs to all suffering men everywhere,  
When you are aware the whole world is a mountain of care.

Bearing the weight of the world, and the dread of its crushing demands,  
Joyously burdened to know that there's no other world on your hands, and,  
Your heart starts to soar, with the wonder that's filling the air,  
When you are aware, the whole world is a mountain of care.

## THE COST OF MY CARE

*Tune: Anniversary Waltz*

Given the chance to do life in the deeps, to serve all mankind is the gift that I be  
To care for the world is the burden I bear, invent with my life, 'tis the cost of my care.

*Chorus:*

Strange awful power is dancing through me, buoyantly forging impossible be  
With all my heart I'm poured out endlessly: I'm burdened eternally.

Wholly engulfed in unbounded rapport, doomed for the world, my life wholly outpoured  
Always encumbered, tomorrow is here, molding the future the cost of my care.

Burning with wisdom, empowered to do: the weight of the world for all men everywhere  
Guardian of all, to all history an heir: absurdly in charge, 'tis the cost of my care.

*Repeat first verse without the chorus.*

## MORNING OF FREEDOM

*Tune: Morning Has Broken*

Morning of freedom, final awareness, standing on nothing, groundlessly there,  
Myself inventing, ever becoming, never completed, always undone.

All life is given, creatures of fortune, no one for blaming, never excused.  
I am entrusted, history creating, offspring of Adam, measure of man.

Crossing the river, beyond the moral, all is permitted, only decide.  
I am accepted, dearly beloved, endlessly chosen, serving all men.

Anchored securely, wholly united, warring gods fallen, painful relief.  
My yoke is easy, light is the burden, the day is coming, destiny won.

## BUILDING WITH DEMONSTRATION

*Tune: Scotland the Brave*

There is a global movement building with demonstration,  
They are the signs of hope for building the earth.

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Fifth City, Marshall Islands demonstrate new human vision  
Town Meeting paves the way for building the earth.

No matter what the cost the war will not be lost  
Colleagues with history we're joining in the demonstration

Tell all your friends and neighbors it's time to use their labors,  
Come join the spirit march and build the new earth.

*Chant:*

MAJURO . . . . . MIYATA  
OOMBULGURRI . . . . . KWANGYUNG IL  
SUDTONGGAN . . . . . KAOSHIUNG  
FUK WAH TSUEN . . . . . KELAPA DUA  
KUALA LUMPUR . . . . . MALIWADA  
KAWANGWARE . . . . . EL BAYAD  
SHANTUMBU . . . . . RAPOLLA  
KRUEZBERG OST . . . . . IJEDE  
ISLE OF DOGS . . . . . CAÑO NEGRO  
IVY CITY . . . . . BLIND RIVER  
FIFTH CITY . . . . . DELTA PACE  
INYAN GAKPI . . . . . YELLOW KNIFE  
(Repeat entire song)

## THE VICTORY SONG

*Tune: The French Military Marching Song*

*Fanfare—*

*Philly, Boston, Rochester, Pittsburgh, New York, Washington;  
Houston, New Orleans, Phoenix, Miami, St. Louis, O.K.C.;  
Memphis, Atlanta, San Francisco, Denver, Billings, L.A., Detroit;  
Chicago, Seattle, K.C., Cleveland, Minneapolis.*

*Verse 1*

If you would a winner be in making trends reality,  
Join the surging local will to build the new community.  
We can seize the victory, awaking and engaging all;  
Across this land the future calls  
To meet the challenge of our day in determining the way  
And with TOWN MEETING we'll become this history.

*Verse 2*

If you would a winner be in making trends reality,  
Serve the hope of everyone to shape the new society.  
We can build a unity where all the earth belongs to all;  
Across this world the future calls  
To meet the challenge of our day in determining the way  
And with TOWN MEETING we'll fulfill this destiny.

*Descant for verse 1—*

*Philly, Boston, Rochester, Pittsburgh, New York, Washington;  
Houston, New Orleans, Phoenix, Miami, St. Louis, O.K.C.;  
Join the surging local will to build the new community.  
Memphis, Atlanta, San Francisco, Billings, Denver, L.A., Detroit;  
Chicago, Seattle, K.C., Cleveland, Minneapolis;  
Across this land the future calls  
To meet the challenge of our day in determining the way  
And with TOWN MEETING we'll become this history*

*Descant for verse 2—*

*Philly, Boston, Rochester, Pittsburgh, New York, Washington;  
Houston, New Orleans, Phoenix, Miami, St. Louis, O.K.C.;  
Serve the hope of everyone to shape the new society.  
Memphis, Atlanta, San Francisco, Denver, Billings, L.A., Detroit;  
Chicago, Seattle, K.C., Cleveland, Minneapolis;  
Across this world the future calls  
To meet the challenge of our day in determining the way  
And with TOWN MEETING we'll fulfill this destiny.*

## FIFTH CITY LOVE SONG

*Tune: And I Love You So*

And I love you so, that people ask me how,  
How I've lived till now, I tell them I don't know  
People say I've changed, that they don't understand,  
Ever since the day, the day I took your hand.

*(First refrain)*

And you love me too; your thoughts are just for me.  
You make my heart alive, and set my spirit free  
The book of life is brief, but once a page is read  
All of love is there: this is my belief.

*(First refrain)*

You are City Five, Chicago's old Westside  
Where Iron Men first were born to build a global sign.  
Oh yes I know you've changed, and some do not believe  
This world has a new day since courage set you free.

*(Second refrain)*

I've lived with you so long, no other love have I  
Your pain is all my own, your buildings, streets and cries  
Soon I may pass away, but love will still remain  
The Iron Man standing tall, that all the world may gain.

*(Second refrain)*

*First refrain:*

And yes, I know how lonely life can be  
The shadows follow me and night won't set me free  
But I don't let the evening get me down  
Now that you're around me.

*Second refrain:*

And yes, we've known this world's great agony  
The billions still denied their hopes and destiny  
But we will go wherever they may be  
Till all communities live free.

## MALIWADA LOVE SONG

*Refrain:*

Hum prem hain prem jaghate hain  
Aur prem se kaam dikhate hain (hum prem)

Maliwada ke jo rehne wale *(two times)*  
Hum aap ke gaon men aaye hain

Mayus na ho bezaar na ho . . .  
Nav gram prayas layen hain

Ekta ke balse barhte hain. . .  
Aur prem se jyoti jalate hain

Sab miljul kar hum kaam karen . . .  
Bharat ke bhagya badaten hain

Bharat ke gaon aage bade . . .  
Maliwada uska chinn hai.

## TRANSLATION OF MALIWADA LOVE SONG

*Refrain:*

*We are love and we awaken love in others  
Our love shows through our work.*

*You who live in Maliwada  
We have come to your village*

*Don't give up and don't despair  
We have come to help you build a new village*

*Our strength is in our unity  
We are "lighting the candles" through love*

*Let us all work together as a whole  
And help in the progress of our nation*

*We hope other villages in India will progress  
And Maliwada is the sign.*

## LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us  
Sing a song full of hope that the present has brought us  
Facing the rising sun of a new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way  
Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light,  
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee:  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand;  
True to our God, true to our native land.

## THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

*Chorus:*

This land is your land, this land is my land,  
From California to the New York island,  
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters,  
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway  
I saw above me that endless skyway  
I saw below me that golden valley  
This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and I rambled, and I followed my footsteps  
To the sparkling sand of her diamond deserts.  
And all around me, a voice was sounding,  
"This land was made for you and me."

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling,  
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling  
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting,  
"This land was made for you and me."

## THE FIRE ACROSS THE SNOW

*Tune: Windmills of Your Mind*

Like an all-consuming fire 'cross the silent sea of snow  
Like the dying of the sun that sets the mountains all aglow.  
Men of spirit call forth vision of the new community  
From the spark of new decision blazes possibility  
And the methods show the way to victoriously care  
And the land awaits the signal of the chosen ones who dare  
All of history laid bare, illumination being there.

## LE FEU DANS LA NEIGE

*Tune: Windmills of Your Mind*

Comme un feu tout en flamme qui s'marie avec la neige  
Comme un coucher de soleil qui enflamme les montagnes  
L'homme de coeur regard' au loin poindre la communauté  
La lueur d'une volonté jaillissant de l'infini  
La technique qui nous permet de soigner l'humanité  
Et la plaine attend l'heure des élus qui risqueront  
Puis l'histoire demeure ouverte la lumière devant now yeux.

## IVY CITY ON THE MOVE

*Tune: My Lord, What a Morning*

*Refrain:*

My Lord what a morning (*three times*)  
Ivy City on the move.

See the people build a dream  
Clinging passion all they owned  
Tame the wilds--carve out hopes  
When the nation began to grow

See the people mighty people  
From the Niger to Potomac  
Struggling to create a vision  
When the times began to change

See the people young and old  
Tell their story proud and bold  
Now the Ivy branches out  
Now the local is on the move.

*Final Refrain:*

My Lord, what a morning (*three times*)  
Ivy City on the move! (*two times*)

## SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT

I have walked 'cross the sand on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland  
Lazed on the ridge of the Miramichi.  
Seen the waves tear and roar at the storm coast of Labrador,  
Watched them roll back to the great northern seas.

### *Chorus:*

From the Vancouver Island to the Alberta Highland,  
Cross the Prairie and the Lakes to Ontario's towers.  
From the sound of Mount Royal's chimes out to the Maritimes  
Something to sing about, this land of ours.

I have welcomed the dawn from the fields of Saskatchewan,  
Followed the sun to the Vancouver shore.  
Watched it climb shiny new up the snow peaks of Caribou,  
Up to the clouds where the wild Rockies soar.

I have heard the wild wind sing the places that I have been,  
Bay Bulls and Red Deer and Strait of Belle Isle  
Names like Grand 'Mere and Silverthrone, Moose Jaw and Marrowbone,  
Trails of the pioneer, named with a smile.

I have wandered my way to the wild wood of Hudson Bay,  
Treated my toes to Quebec's morning dew,  
Where the sweet summer breeze kissed the leaves of the maple trees.  
Sharing this song that I'm singing to you.

Yes, there's something to sing about, tune up a string about,  
Call out in chorus, or quietly hum,  
Of a land that's still young with a ballad that's still unsung,  
Telling the promise of great things to come.

## CREATE A NEW DAY

*Tune: Consider Yourself*

Consider the past, it's good,  
Respond to the now, it's for everyone  
Create a new day, start now  
Set sail, fly, you can work miracles.

When the Continental Congress met those years ago  
They made a brave new dream come true;  
When the covered wagons hit the trail for Oregon  
Men were "going to the moon."

Consider the past, it's good,  
Respond to the now, let's act!  
With faith in one another to achieve our goals  
Create a new day, right now!

**Boulder Town Meeting**

## IT IS GREAT TO BE ALIVE

*Tune: Four Strong Winds*

It is great to be alive  
In this land we have been given,  
Pioneers who did build on the soil.  
Many nations gave their people  
Who together faced the challenge  
And together built this country  
With their toil.

Our community is strong  
When we all work together  
To decide what we need and our role,  
And our vision for tomorrow  
As we face a complex time  
In a world where humanity is whole.

**Pinecrest Queensway Forum**

## NEVER GONNA HAVE THAT CHANCE AGAIN

*Tune: Hello Dolly*

We were a searching people and a zestful people  
And we came from many lands across the sea.

We were merchants and farmers, we were slaves and charmers  
And we dared to face the struggle individually.

But we got up one morning, saw a new world dawning  
After night and 'I' were left there all alone.

He saw his brother, and she saw her sister, and  
We saw the oneness of us all.

And now we move forward to that unknown future  
Which depends on what we all decide to do.

We have our hopes ready and our task waiting  
And it's our responsibility to bring it through.  
And this calls forth courage to accept challenge  
And produce a revolutionary way.

Stand up and be counted, the world's on your shoulder,  
Never gonna have that chance again,  
Never gonna have that chance again,  
Never gonna have that chance again.  
O.K.

**Philadelphia Town Meeting**

## OUR TOWN

*Tune: McNamara's Band*

I call myself a Clevelander  
From a city tough and strong,  
For years we led our country  
So now listen to our song.  
Our civic work, our culture and our fine industrial might  
Draw people of all nations to our forest city site.

The year is nineteen—seventy—six.  
We're facing a new day.  
We're working on pollution  
Along with RTA.  
Some problems still confront us but still standing here are we.  
This city's strength will long endure, united we will be.

I call myself a Clevelander  
In New Community.  
A place where people work and live  
To share vitality.  
I see a city full of pride and free from hate and fear,  
The spirit of our city will live on from year to year.  
Cleveland Town Meeting

## THE PROMISE

*Tune: Circle Game*

Canada the land of endless promise,  
Of lakes and rivers, open skies and trees,  
A country owning all horizon's vastness  
Of mountains, plains and silent inland seas.

### *Chorus:*

And the people are waiting for  
Vision that calls forth more  
Than all the past could ever dream to be,  
A present time that holds the sign, of new community  
And will be the future gift for all to see.

A fishing fleet that sails three open oceans,  
A rocky shield, a mine of wealth untold,  
Graineries and factories in motion,  
Rising towers, a future to behold.

Winter's wind turns night to freezing shadows,  
Summer's sun creates an endless day.  
People of the world in every window,  
Two nations share the light of a new day.

Ancient ones who reamed the country's wonder,  
Still live to see what each tomorrow brings.  
Behind the land there rolls a mighty thunder,  
That Canada and all the future sings.

## THE NEXT 200 YEARS

*Tune: When the Saints Go Marching In*

Into this land so vast and green  
Our fathers came to build a dream  
Through war and peace they worked together  
It was a great 200 years.

Oh, we are now in times of strife  
We're at the crossroads of our life.  
It's time to make that great decision  
To shape the next 200 years.

Oh, we are one, we share the earth,  
We give our lives for its rebirth.  
We'll be a sign to all the nations  
For the next 200 years.

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## SUDTONGGAN

*Tune: Ramona*

Sudtonggan, the breeze sings through the palms above.  
Sudtonggan, it's singing out my song of love:  
I laud you, applaud you, and bless the day you taught me to care  
To always remember the dancing eyes that live with you there.

Sudtonggan, across the world I hear you call.  
Sudtonggan, you're always near when nighttimes fall:  
I dread a dawn should I awake to find you gone.  
Sudtonggan I give you my own.

## KELAPA DUA

*Tune: Maria Elena*

Kelapa Dua, you're the answer to a prayer:  
Kelapa Dua, how you showed the way to care.  
The sight of you is like the sound of spring's first breeze,  
And when you come into my thoughts my heart you seize.  
Kelapa Dua, you will always be for me  
A paradise where life flows true and free.  
A love like this is too deep to ignore;  
I only ask you let me give you more and more.

## CAÑO NEGRO

*Tune: Mona Lisa*

Caño Negro, Caño Negro, may I tell you  
Your enduring showed me care I never knew?  
Caño Negro, Caño Negro, know for sure now  
You have made it just a truth that dreams come true.  
Caño Negro, Caño Negro, you are being  
Hope where there seemed not to be a hope at all.  
Dark Ravine, quite unseen, you kept striving  
Through the deep night to the sunlight.  
All who pass now behold, Caño Negro,  
Your beauty lies within the very way you are.  
Caño Negro, Caño Negro.

## LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high!

## O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

### *Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh,  
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

## COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

## OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

Of the Father's love begotten ere the world began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the King of angels:

### *Refrain:*

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

## JOY TO THE WORLD!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns; let men their tongues employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessing flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.