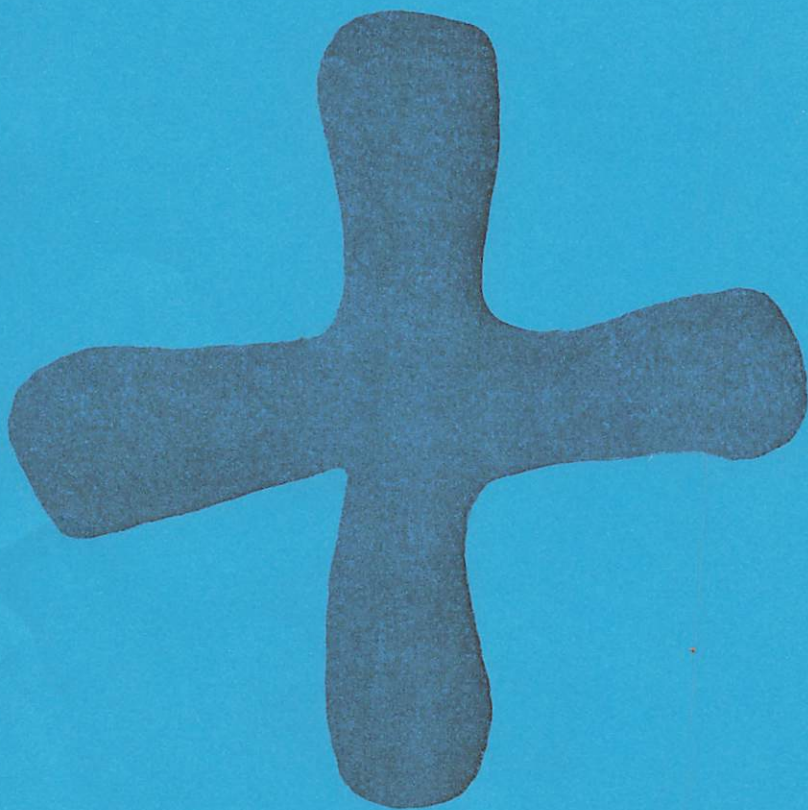


GLOBAL PRIORS COUNCIL
THE CLOSING CELEBRATION



JULY 1977

THE ORDER: ECUMENICAL

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THE VICTORY SONG

*Tune: The French Military Marching Song
From "The Desert Song"*

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 become this history.

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 the world the future calls
To meet the challenge of our day
In determining the way
And with TOWN MEETING
We fulfill this destiny.

KWANGYUNG IL

Sa rang hae Kwangyung Il
Jung mal ro sa rang hae
Kwangyung eun na ae chin gu
Kwangyung eun na ae hee mang
Na ae chin gu Kwangyung ri
Na nun no rul sa rang ha ri

Yae yae yae . . .

Sa rang hae Kwangyung Il
Jung mal ro sa rang hae.

MARCH ONWARD NOW

Tune: Bella Ciao

O we awaken the human vision,
March onward now to the cry of all history.
Resurgent spirit is now emerging.
Giving form to the new community.

We are engagers of human caring,
March onward now in the task to set people free.
Local passion bursts forth in power.
Giving form to the new humanity.

We are proclaimers of life's abundance
March onward now placing hope in the mystery.
The human drama reveals the wonder,
Giving form to new possibility.

The world before us the future open
March onward now to create the new century.
Human structures that forge a life style,
To give form and release new destiny.

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 all, serving all unto death.

Refrain:

The silence has deafened them, the stillness enlived 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.

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 affraid 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.

SOCIAL DEMONSTRATION LOVE SONG

Tune: The Last Farewell

The land lies dark and shrouded in the mystery
Of brokenness and pain of all mankind
The consciousness flows forth from every human
A River of Hope begins to wind
And in the midst of innocent human suffering
A Mountain of Care begins to swell
The Sea lies tranquil
For I have been loved dearly
More dearly than the spoken word can tell.

Fifth City, Majuro and Oombulgurri
Held up a sign of hope for local man
Kawangware, Isle of Dogs, and Maliwada
Changed the story from we can't into we can.
Sudtonggan, Kwangyung Il, became a symbol
Of possibility for all to tell
That Life is beautiful
For they have been loved dearly
More dearly than the spoken word can tell.

El Bayad, Termine and Cano Negro
Stand now to claim their future destiny
Oyubari, Sungai Lui, and Ivy City
Found life where none had been for all to see
Shantumbu and Hai Ou were added symbols
Of possibility for all to tell
That Life is beautiful
For they have been loved dearly
More dearly than the spoken word can tell.

Lorne de L'Acadie, Nam Wai, and Kelapa Dua
Declared themselves as new communities.
Ijede, Delta Pace, and Inyan Wakagapi
Foretold a world of fresh vitality
Vogar and Kreuzberg Ost complete the circle
Of demonstration signs for all to tell
That Life is beautiful
For ALL have been loved dearly
More dearly than the spoken word can tell.
More dearly than the spoken word can tell.