

Hymn Lyrics for 1-22-23

Hymn # 318, "We Would Be One"

We would be one as now we join in singing
Our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
To that great cause of greater understanding
Of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
To show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
A nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
Which binds our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
With love and justice, strive to make us free.

#108, "My Life Flows on In Endless Song"

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

123, "Spirit of Life" (2x)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart
All the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.