Hymn Lyrics for June 11, 2023

#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 heaven 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!

Hymn #29 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of Love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, hail thee as the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the pain of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the joy of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and planets sing around thee, center of unbroken praise,
field and forest, vale and mountain, blossoming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.
Ever singing march we on ward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Hymn #16 *'Tis a Gift to be Simple (2x)*

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'till by turning, turning we come 'round right.