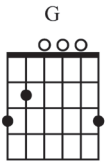
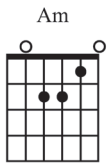
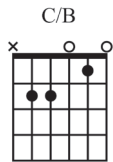
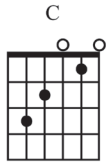


My First Counsel

Music by Janis VandenDool



C C/B Am C/B
O Son of Spirit!

C C/B Am C/B
O Son of Spirit!

F G
My first counsel is this

F G
My first counsel is this

F G C Am
Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart

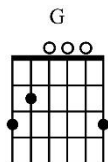
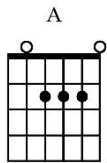
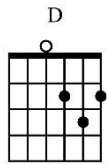
F G C Am
That thine may be a sovereignty

F G C C/B Am C/B
Ancient, imperishable and everlasting

F G C
Ancient, imperishable

A Noble Way

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



D
Justice is a noble way

A D
Justice brings a brighter day

G D
A light to those in need

A D
Shining through good deeds

D A D
Oh, justice is the way

D
We know 'Abdu'l-Bahá would share

A D
Showing love and showing care

G D
He was content with less

A D
In order to bring happiness

D A D
He was content with less

D
To be just we have to give

A D
Share our love and joy to live

G D
Sharing blessings we receive

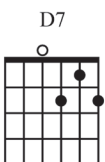
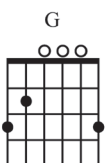
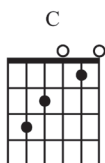
A D
A better world we will achieve

D A D
Oh, justice is the way

(repeat first stanza, singing last line twice)

Love, Love, Love

By Creadell Haley



C F
Love, love, love, love

G C
Love your fellow man

C F
Love, love, love is

D7 G
How the world began

C F
God loved creation

C G
So He created thee to

C F
Love, love, love Him

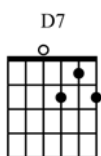
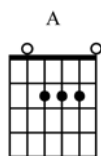
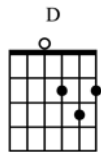
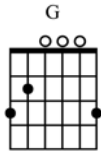
G C
And humanity

Love, love, love the
Everlasting good
Love, love, love the
Seed of brotherhood
Love all creation
For He created thee to
Love, love, love Him
And humanity

Love God's creatures
Be they near or far
See each human
As a shining star
Love all creation
For He created thee to
Love, love, love Him
And humanity

Truthful Words

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



G D
A mirror that's covered up in dust
A D
Cannot reflect the sun's bright light
G D
A bird with wings all full of mud
A D D7
Is unable to take flight

CHORUS:

G D
When all of our words are truthful
A D D7
Our souls are able to progress
G D
The foundation of all human virtues
A D
We know is truthfulness

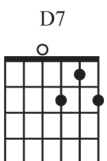
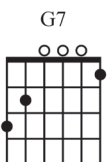
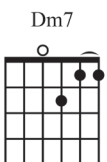
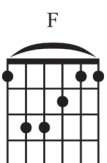
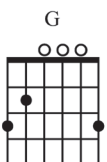
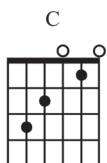
CHORUS

A ship cannot catch the wind
If it is using a torn sail
Eyes can't see the path ahead
If they are covered up in veils

CHORUS *(with last line repeated)*

Fountain of Generosity

By Mildred N. McClellan



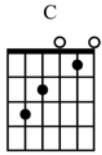
C
Be a fountain, be a spring
C G
Be an ever-flowing thing
F C
It is true that if you do
Dm7 G7 C
Happiness will come to you
F C
Search your heart every day
D7 G7
Is there something you can give away

Happiness should be your goal
Give your heart, and give your soul
It is true that if you do
God will always be with you
Search your heart every day
Is there something you can give away

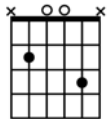
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Give your heart, and give your soul
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God will always be with you

Prefer Your Brother

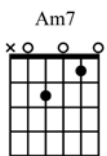
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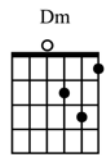
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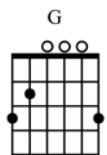
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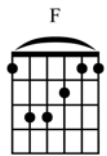
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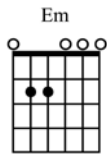
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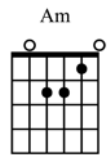
G



F



Em



Am

C G/B Am7 C
I am thirsty, I am thirsty
Dm G C Am7
But my brother, he comes first
F Em Dm C
So I offer him the water
Dm G C
That will quench his thirst

CHORUS:

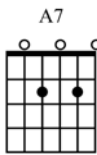
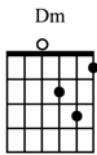
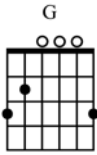
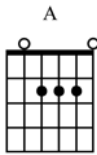
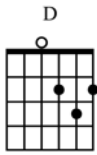
F G C Am
It is a blessing to prefer your brother
F G C Am
This is a way to show you care
F G C Am
It is a blessing to prefer your sister
F G C
You are richer, the more you share

I am hungry, I am hungry
And my sister, she is too
So I give her some of my food
That's what's best to do

CHORUS

Joy Gives Us Wings

By Joan Lincoln



D A D G D
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings
D A D A D
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

A D
In times of joy, our strength grows in might
A D
In times of joy, our intellect takes flight
A D
In times of joy, our understanding is bright
D A D A D
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

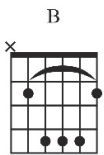
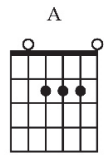
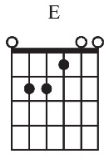
Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm
But when sadness visits us, when sadness visits us
A Dm A Dm
We become weak, our strength goes away
A Dm A Dm
Our insights are dim, our thoughts become gray
A7
How-ev-er

Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

In times of joy, our strength grows in might
In times of joy, our intellect takes flight
In times of joy, our understanding is bright
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

At All Times

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



CHORUS:

E A
We should at all times manifest

B E A B
Our truthfulness and sincerity

E A
We should at all times manifest

B E A B
Our truthfulness and sincerity (*repeat*)

E A B
When I speak, I share from the bottom of my heart

E A B
I let kind and true words be my art

E A B
Oh what a treasure is sincerity

A E B E
A beautiful mix of honesty and purity

A E B E A E
Oh what a treasure is sincerity

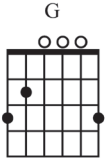
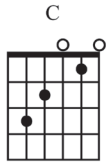
When I serve, I give from the bottom of my heart
I purify my thoughts and pray before I start
This way my actions can build true unity
Oh what a treasure is sincerity
Oh what a treasure is sincerity

When I pray, I pray from the bottom of my heart
I close my eyes and think of God
I don't think of my desire, I don't think of what I need
I think of how sincerity can shine through my deeds
Oh what a treasure is sincerity

CHORUS (*repeat twice*)

Be Like the Earth

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



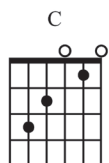
C G
See the earth
F G C
It's so humble
C G
Has all God's wealth to give
F G C
Everything we need to live
C G
Lets us walk on it every day
F G C
But have you ever heard it say
C G
"I am richer
F G C
Greater than you"

See the tree
It's so humble
The more its fruits abound
It bows closer to the ground
And shares the fruit that way
But have you ever heard it say
"I am richer
Greater than you"

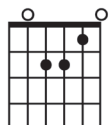
C G
Be like the earth
F G C
Be like the tree
C G
Rise to the heaven of glory
F G C
On the wings of humility
C G
Rise to the heaven of glory
F G C
On the wings of humility

I Thank and Praise Thee Lord

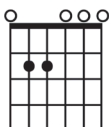
By Joan Lincoln



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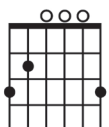
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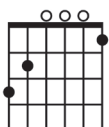
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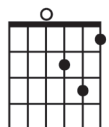
F



G



G7



Dm

C Am Em
I thank and praise Thee Lord

F G
For the crown of mercy

C Am
Set upon my head

F C
It will forever glow

G7 Am
The more gratitude I show

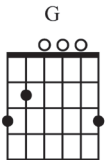
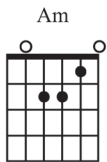
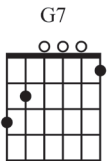
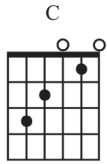
Dm G7 C
I thank and praise Thee Lord

I thank and praise Thee Lord
For the love and knowledge
Implanted in my heart
They will grow and grow
The more gratitude I show
I thank and praise Thee Lord

I thank and praise Thee Lord
For the light of truth
That illumines my eyes
I will see Thy bounties flow
The more gratitude I show
I thank and praise Thee Lord
I thank and praise Thee Lord

Looking for Good

By David Hunt



C
I've got excellence as my goal
F7
But I've got a long, long way to go
C
And I know it helps me on my way
G7 C
When I see the good in every day
F7
So if I see something you do wrong
C
I won't sing about it in this song
G7
I won't talk about it with my friends
F7 C
I won't even think about it again

CHORUS:
F7
I'll look at the good in you
C
I'll look at the good in you
G7
I know that you'd want me to
F7 C
'Cause that's what I'd want you to do
F7
And God looks for the good in me
C Am
He looks for the good in me
C G
And when I put a cover
F7
On those little faults of others
C G7 C
I hope God will put a cover on my faults too

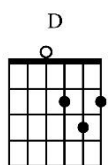
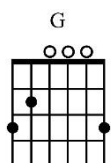
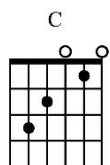
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'Abdu'l-Bahá was very wise
He saw your heart inside your eyes
And when He noticed something wrong
He'd find some way to make you strong
So if I find some fault in you
I know just what I have to do
I won't go tell anybody else
No, I won't even tell myself

CHORUS

Brighter Than the Sun

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



C G D G
Truthfulness is brighter than the light of the sun

C G D G
Truthfulness is brighter than the light of the sun

C G D G
With truthfulness, O people, beautify your tongues

C G D G
With truthfulness, O people, beautify your tongues

Honesty adorns the soul of everyone

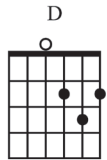
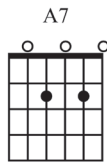
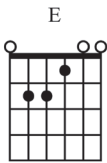
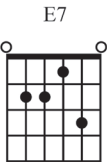
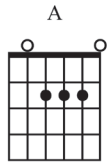
Honesty adorns the soul of everyone

Honesty is brighter than the light of the sun

Honesty is brighter than the light of the sun

Be Fair

By Joan Lincoln and Carol Sprague



CHORUS:

A
Be fair, be fair

E7 A
And strive to provide for the comfort of all

A
Be fair, be fair

E7 A
And strive to provide for the comfort of all

A E
When we are fair in our dealings with others

E7 A
We gain the trust of our sisters and brothers

A7 D
When things are divided equitably

E A
Justice will shine for the world to see

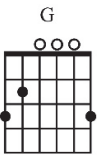
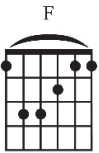
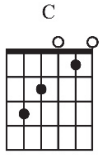
CHORUS

When you give true comfort and aid
You'll follow the path that the Master laid
When wise and just in what you say and do
You'll bring joy to hearts around you

CHORUS

On the Wings of Detachment

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



CHORUS:

One day a bird was flying in the sky above

Full of joy and confidence

Soaring in this Paradise, his home

As he flew, his hunger began to grow

So he turned to the water and clay below

Down below

He was trapped

By his desire

And his wings got covered in mud

Too heavy to fly

He could not return to his home

CHORUS

Like that bird I belong to the heavens

So I will not cling to the earth below

I will not cling to riches

I will not cling to my wishes

I will not cling to anything but God

So I will walk on the feet of detachment

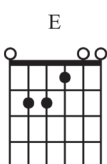
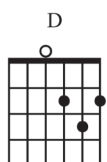
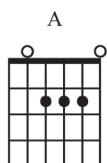
I will soar on the wings of detachment

I will free myself of all attachment

To anything but God (*repeat*)

Bestow Upon Me My Portion

By Joan Lincoln



CHORUS:

A
Bestow upon me my portion

D A
O Lord, O Lord

A D A
Bestow upon me my portion

E A
As it pleaseth Thee

A
It's easy to be content

D A
When things are going well

A
It's easy to be content

E A
When you're feeling swell

D A
But what is really more challenging

E A
Is to be content when things go wrong

D A
To be patient in times of difficulty

E A
Perhaps even sing a song

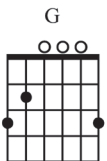
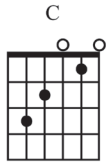
CHORUS

From the time He was a boy
The Master suffered indignities
From early in His life
He hardly had any comfort or ease
But He remained content and calm
Never full of anxiety
He trusted in God and accepted His Will
Continued on ever patiently

CHORUS

We Are Drops

Composer Unknown



^C
We are drops
We are drops (*echo voice*)

^C
Of one ocean
Of one ocean

^F
We are waves
We are waves

^G
Of one sea
Of one sea

CHORUS:

^C
Come and join us, come and join us

^F
In our quest for unity

^{C G C F C}
It's a way of life for you and me

We are flowers (*echo voice*)
Of one garden
We are leaves
Of one tree

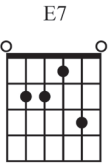
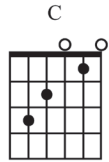
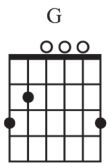
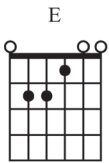
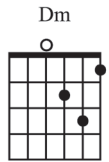
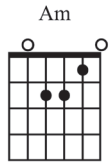
CHORUS

All the earth is (*echo voice*)
But one country
Man is one
Can't you see

CHORUS (*with last line repeated*)

Source of Courage

By Joan Lincoln



CHORUS:

Am
The source of courage and power

Dm E Am
Is the promotion of the Word of God

Am
The source of courage and power

Dm E Am
Is steadfastness in His love

G
Forget about yourself

C
Stand up for what is right

E7
Defend those in need

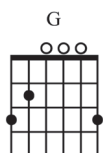
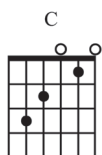
Am
Rely upon His might

Teach the Word of God
Be courageous in your deeds
Follow His path
To happiness it leads

CHORUS

Be Hopeful

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



C F
The future we can never know
G C
What will happen the next day
C F
Yet bounties never cease to flow
G C
Trust in God and make your way

CHORUS:

F G
Be hopeful, be hopeful
C F
And find God's bounties everywhere
F
The sun will rise
G
And fill the skies
C F
Look up with expectant eyes
F G C
Look to Him with hopeful eyes

Be ever hopeful, strive to grow
And winter will give way to spring
His bounties never cease to flow
They're bringing life to everything

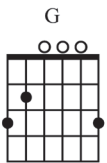
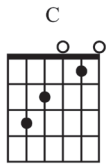
CHORUS

Be a source of joy and peace
Serve and let the spirit glow
Remember bounties never cease
Be hopeful for tomorrow

CHORUS

Busy Hands

By Mary Davis and Wilford Johnson



CHORUS:

C F
Busy hands make happy children

C G
Happy children can be found

C F
Making other people happy

C F G C
Spreading peace and love around

C F
Working hands to build a new world

C G
Everybody has a role

C F
All of us can be so thankful

C F G C
For we soon shall reach our goal

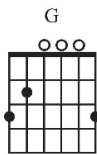
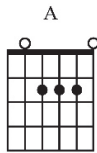
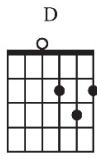
CHORUS

God will help us build a new world
Where we all help someone else
All of us will love our neighbor
More than we love our own selves

CHORUS *(with last line repeated)*

Kindling the Fire of God's Love

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



^D
In my heart
^A
There is a flame
^G
That God has placed
^D
A special flame
^A
This is the fire
^G
The fire
^D
Of His love

CHORUS:

^D ^A
I will pray
I will pray (*echo voice*)
^G
To God
^A ^D ^A
To kindle in my heart
To kindle in my heart (*echo voice*)
^G
That flame
^A ^D ^A
The fire of His love
^G
And I will strive
^A ^D
That its light illumines all hearts

Day by day
I will feed this flame
As I pray
And do good unto others
This flame will grow
As I pray
And serve mankind

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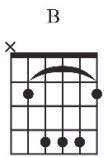
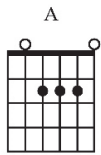
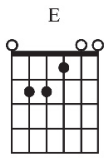
Kindling the Fire of God's Love (continued)

And as this flame burns
As it grows
It will be felt
By all who come
its way
It will bring warmth
to all
Who come its way

CHORUS

Radiance

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



E A
As we reflect the light that shines from above

B E
Our hearts will radiate with kindness and love

E A
As we are joyful, illumined and bright

B E
All those around will feel the warmth of His light

CHORUS:

E A
O Son! O Son of Being!

B E
Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee!

E A
O Son! O Son of Being!

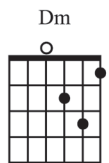
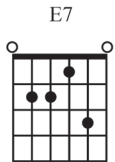
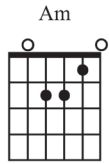
B E
Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee!

The love of God never ceases to flow
As we arise to serve its brightness will grow
Don't hesitate! Just radiate! With all of your might
Till each and every heart is filled with His light

CHORUS (*with last line repeated*)

I Want to Be Happy

Composer Unknown



Am
There is something you must know

Am E7
In this Faith we have to show

Dm
We are men of deeds, not of words

Am E7 Am
Our very life should show our Faith to friend and foe

CHORUS:

Am
I want to be happy

Am
I want to be strong

Am
To be His servant

Am
My whole life long

Dm Am
So, I must obey the laws of God

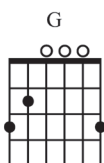
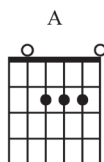
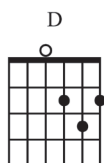
E7 Am
Yes, I must obey the laws of God

There is something you must know
In this world of pomp and show
People are tired of empty speech
They want to see you practice what you teach

CHORUS

Patience

By Leslie Garrett



D A
Your legs are getting tired

A D
And the road is very long, long, long

D A
You want to give up trying

A D
And the sun is beating strong

G D
No sense gettin' impatient

G D
It's useless if you cry

G D
If you take it step by step

A D
The time goes rushing by

CHORUS:

G D
Patience is the answer

G D
When you're sad and blue

G D
Patience is rewarded

A D
It brings happiness to you

Your brother doesn't understand
But you've explained it more than twice
You really ought to try again
And do your best to be nice
No sense gettin' impatient
It's useless to be stern
If you show him kindness
It's the way to help him learn

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Patience *(continued)*

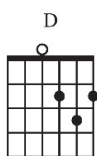
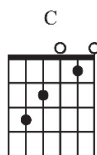
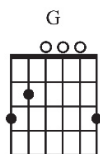
CHORUS

You want to do much better
But still you don't succeed
You wonder why make an effort
And where it all will lead
No sense gettin' impatient
It's silly to do less
If you keep on striving
You'll eventually progress

CHORUS

Firm in the Love of God

By a Group of Collaborators of the Ruhi Institute



^G ^C
We walk, we walk

^D ^G
We walk the path of God

^G ^C
We're firm, we're firm

^D ^G
Firm in our love of God

^G ^C
We walk the path of God

^D ^G
When troubles come our way

^G ^C
We're firm in our love of God

^D ^G
And on His path we stay

We serve, we serve
We serve the Cause of God
We're firm, we're firm
Firm in our love of God
We serve the Cause of God
Always doing our part
We're firm in our love of God
And serve with a joyful heart

We stand, we stand
We stand, hearts turned towards God
We're firm, we're firm
Firm in our love of God
We stand, hearts turned towards God
Never doubting His aid
We're firm in our love of God
And all our sorrows fade