

Preface

Seek a place of breathless beauty!

Seek the source of beauty:

God, revealed to us in Scripture,
God, lavishly inclusive in loving us,
God, mysteriously present in all faiths and religions,
God, calling us to join in the song.

This collection of hymns will be cherished by all who seek God and God's beauty. These hymns are poetic statements of Christian faith. Many of the texts are scripturally based. The language is singable for people of today. The imagery for God and for humanity is expansive and inclusive. There are hymns appropriate for interfaith services. There are beloved familiar hymn tunes—and soon-to-be-beloved new hymn tunes.

Wordsmith Marilyn Biery and composer James Biery have given us hymns of breathless beauty. And they're fun! Come, join in the song.

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Listen to the Voice of Gladness

Isaiah 2:3b-4
Marilyn Biery

HAYES 87 87 D
James Biery

1. Lis - ten to the voice of glad - ness God is call - ing us to
 2. Lis - ten to the voice of pow - er, Feel the might - y strength of
 3. God will give to us, the peo - ple, Com - fort that will nev - er

hear; Cast a - way all pain and sad - ness, God is
 God. If we tru - ly knew God's pow - er, We would
 cease. God will speak to ev - ery na - tion, Words of

with us, al - ways near. Sing of peace and lov - ing
 trem - ble, o - ver - awed. Yet this strength, so great and
 love and words of peace. God will turn the sword to

BLESSING

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May Peace from Christ Come Dwell in You

Colossians 3:12-17
Marilyn Biery

KILLOUGH LM
James Biery

1. May peace from Christ come dwell in you, May
2. For you are called God's cho - sen ones, God's
3 The peace of Christ which dwells in you Will

love from God en - vel - op you And bind you close in
ho - ly and be - lov - ed ones. Be clothed a - new in
per - fect - ly be seen through you. So let your hearts and

COMFORT

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Seek a Place of Breathless Beauty

CAMPBELL 87 87
James Biery

Marilyn Biery

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Seek a Place of Breathless Beauty'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are centered between the two staves.

1. Seek a place of breath-less beau-ty, Seek a ho-ly, won-drous space,
2. Seek this place, so close be-side us, That we can-not, will not, see,
3. Seek the voice, which, call-ing gen-tly, Falls on ears which can-not hear,
4. Seek the truth, and lis-ten close-ly With an o-pen heart and mind.

Break Forth in Joyous Song

Marilyn Biery

MARION SM with Refrain
Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916

1. Break forth in joy - ous song; Let
 2. We know God's stead - fast love And
 3. Let sea with tem - pest roar; Let
 4. God fills our hearts with joy; God's

heav'n and earth re - sound. Sing praise with joy - ful
 faith - ful - ness is true. All ends of earth, ring
 all the world clap hands. The hills re - joice and
 grace and love a - bound. God heals all earth - ly

mel - o - dy, Glad noise and trum - pet sound. }
 out your joy, Each day your song re - new. }
 sing as one: All crea - tures in all lands. } Re -
 bro - ken - ness; Let praise to God re - sound! }

O God of All Life

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Psalms 104
Marilyn Biery

LYONS 10 10 11 11
Attr. to J. Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

1. O God of all life, now hid from our sight,
2. From you came the earth, its foun - da - tion stands
3. Your springs gush and flow in val - leys and hills,
4. Sing praise to our God, sing praise, all the earth!

Your cloth - ing is love; your gar - ment is light.
For - ev - er un - moved, and safe in your hands.
All life comes from you, and joy - ful - ly spills mirth!
With trem - bling and awe, re - joic - ing and

You ride on the wings of the wind and the rain,
The sound of your thun - der gave wings to the sea
By streams and by moun - tains, and glad - dens the heart;
And med - i - tate al - ways on God's ho - ly name,

Your min - is - ters, fire, and your mes - sen - gers, flame.
And brought forth your crea - tures, each plant, grass and tree.
To you we are joined, let us nev - er de - part.
For - ev - er in glo - ry, for - ev - er the same!

The Ancient Story Thrills Our Modern Ear

Philippians 2:5-11
Marilyn Biery

ENGELBERG 10 10 10 with Alleluia
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852–1924

1. The an - cient sto - ry thrills our mod - ern ear—
 2. There is no great - er truth than this to claim:
 3. The love of Je - sus teach - es us to be
 4. In Je - sus' name re-sounds e - ter - ni - ty
 5. We rise and spread this joy with voic - es bold

Ap - proach and lis - ten, come with joy and hear:
 God's love ap - peared to us in hu - man frame.
 Com - plete in joy, com - pas - sion, sym - pa - thy
 With grate - ful hearts we stay on bend - ed knee
 And shine be - fore the world like bright, pure gold,

19 Lord God, the Source of Every Gracious Gift

The Gift

Marilyn Biery

THE GIFT 10 10 10 10
David Evan Thomas

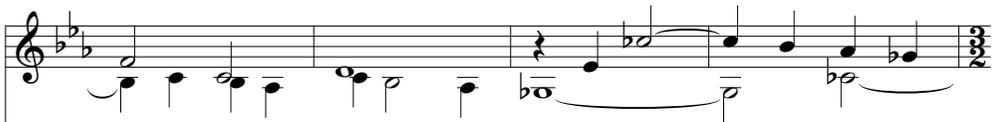
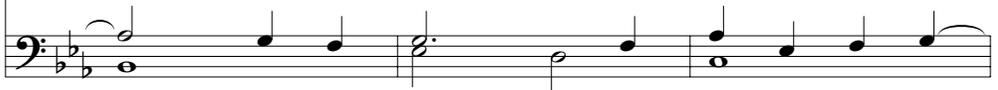
Unison



1. Lord God, the source of ev - 'ry
2. For ev - 'ry - thing we have is
3. We seek to be good stew - ards



gra - cious gift, And of the mys - t'ry of each
your great gift, And ev - 'ry - thing we are is
of your gifts, To share our time and tal - ents



hu - man life, We thank you for your
praise to you. Fill all our hearts and
in your name; That all would see the



Lift Up Your Hearts

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-12
Marilyn Biery

SEANDUN 9 8 10 8
James Biery

Unison

1. Lift up your hearts, you poor in spir - it, The
 2. Be still with gen - tle, qui - et meek - ness, The
 3. With joy - ful - ness show love and mer - cy, The
 4. Work tire - less - ly for peace and jus - tice, As
 5. Re - joice, be glad, be joy - ful peo - ple, The

king - dom of heav - en is yours;
 plen - ty of earth will be yours;
 mer - cy of God will be yours;
 Chil - dren of God you'll be known;
 king - dom of heav - en is yours;

And blest are you, bent in two with mourn - ing, God's
 And blest are you, filled with ach - ing hun - ger, The
 And blest are you, pure of heart and self - less, The
 And blest are you, who are per - se - cut - ed, The
 So blest are you, hear the words of Je - sus: The

Joined Together As One Body

1 Corinthians 12
Marilyn Biery

NETTLETON 8 7 8 7 D
from J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

1. Joined to - geth - er as one bod - y Knit to - geth - er, we are
 2. Joined to - geth - er by the Spir - it, Ev - ery per - son brings a
 3. Joined to - geth - er, all - em - brac - ing, Yet our sep - arate selves we
 4. Joined to - geth - er as one bod - y, Knit to - geth - er, we are

one. We the church, God's cho - sen bod - y Live our
 gift. Ev - ery life is full of mer - it; Hearts of
 bring; On our hearts our God is trac - ing Words of
 one. Still, each per - son in Christ's bod - y Will re -

faith in Christ, the Son. We are called to be dis -
 grat - i - tude we lift. We are called to be the
 love that make us sing. We are called to be God's
 main a sep - arate one. We are called to be God's

Christ Is the Vine

John 15:1-11
Marilyn Biery

MEMORIAL CHURCH 7 6 7 6 D with Refrain
James Biery

Refrain

Christ is the vine, we are the branch-es; grow-ing in u-ni-ty with

each new strand. Christ is the vine, we are the branch-es;

Fine

nur-tured and pruned by the Vine-grow-er's hand.