

Take My Gifts

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1991



1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir-it sowed,
 3 Take what-ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,



gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
 har - vest of your own com-pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,



now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla-vor of the Je - sus life,
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in nearby Dunedin, New Zealand.

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Colin Gibson, 1991
 Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

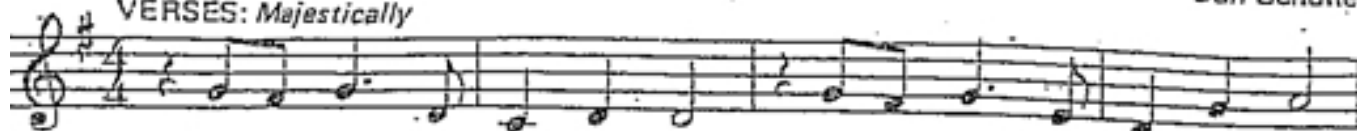
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HERE I AM, LORD

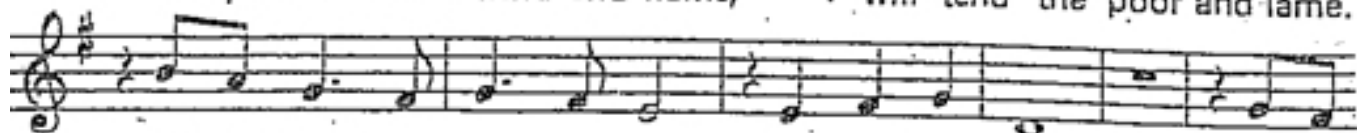
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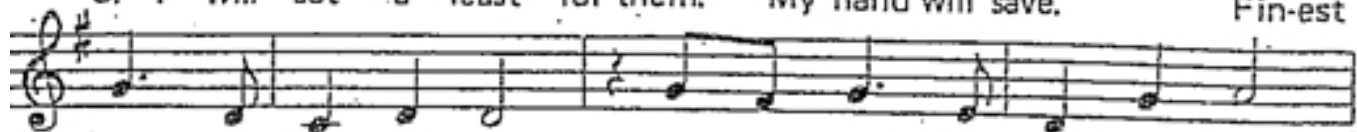
VERSES: *Majestically*



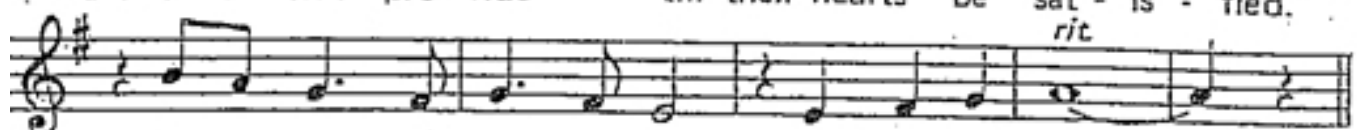
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who
 2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

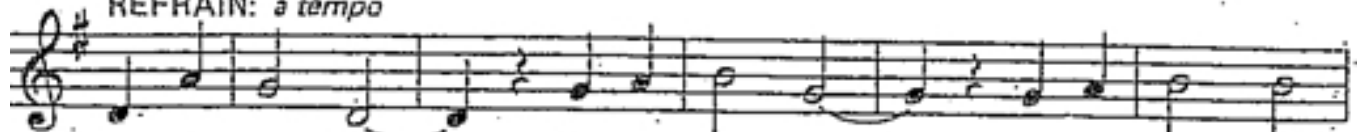


1. make the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 2. break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 3. bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

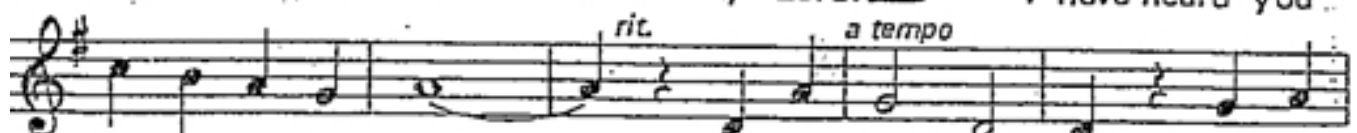


1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

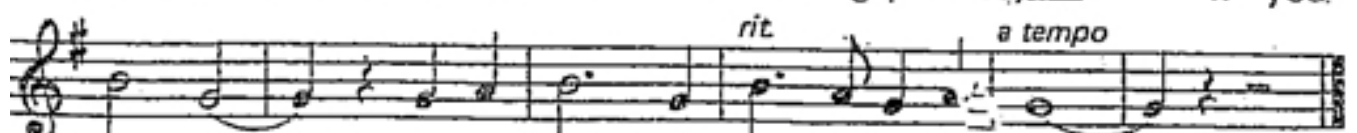
REFRAIN: *a tempo*



Here, I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have heard you



call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____ if you



lead me. _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart. _____

For Song: HERE I AM, LORD

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God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973



1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,



when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.



In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.



In our dif - fer - ence is bless-ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise



one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,



hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!