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## Worship Through Singing

**Kevin Garcia**

"Ella's Song (We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest)"  
artist: Sweet Honey in The Rock

We who believe in freedom cannot rest  
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes

Verses

Until the killing of Black men, Black mothers' sons  
Is as important as the killing of White men, White mothers' sons

And that which touches me most is that I had a chance to work with  
people  
Passing on to others that which was passed on to me

To me young people come first, they have the courage where we fail  
And if I can shed some light as they carry us through the gale

The older I get the better I know that the secret of my going on  
Is when the reins are in the hand of the young who dare to run against  
the storm

Not needing to clutch for power, not needing the light just to shine on  
me  
I need to be just one in the number as we stand against tyranny

Struggling myself don't mean a whole lot I come to realize  
That teaching others to stand up and fight is the only way my struggle  
survive

I'm a woman who speaks in a voice and I must be heard  
At time I can be quite difficult, I'll bow to no man's word



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**Marcus Foster, Acree Macam, Alexia Rice-Henry, Jarrett Heatherly**

Acts 2:1-41

**1** When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. **4** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak. **5** There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. **7** They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? **8** How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus Jarrett:and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), **11** Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" **12** They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" **13** Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!" **14** Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! **15** These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! **16** Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: **17** In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions Your elders will dream dreams. **18** Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **19** I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. **20** The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.



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**21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.[a]**22** “Fellow Israelites, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man whose credentials God proved to you through miracles, wonders, and signs, which God performed through him among you. You yourselves know this. **23** In accordance with God’s established plan and foreknowledge, he was betrayed. You, with the help of wicked men, had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross. **24** God raised him up! God freed him from death’s dreadful grip, since it was impossible for death to hang on to him. **25** David says about him, Jarrett: I foresaw that the Lord was always with me; because he is at my right hand I won’t be shaken. **26** Therefore, my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced. Moreover, my body will live in hope, **27** because you won’t abandon me to the grave, nor permit your holy one to experience decay. **28** You have shown me the paths of life; your presence will fill me with happiness. [b]**29** “[Siblings], I can speak confidently about the patriarch David. He died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this very day. **30** Because he was a prophet, he knew that God promised him with a solemn pledge to seat one of his descendants on his throne. **31** Having seen this beforehand, David spoke about the resurrection of Christ, that he wasn’t abandoned to the grave, nor did his body experience decay.[c] **32** This Jesus God raised up. We are all witnesses to that fact. **33** He was exalted to God’s right side and received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit. He poured out this Spirit, and you are seeing and hearing the results of his having done so. **34** David didn’t ascend into heaven. Yet he says, Marcus: The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right side, **35** until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’[d]**36** “Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” **37** When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” **38** Peter replied, “Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites.” **40** With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” **41** Those who accepted Peter’s message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day.

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"Nothing I Hold Onto"

artist: Will Regan

I lean not on my own understanding,  
My life is in the hands of the maker of heaven (x4)

I Give it all to you God,  
Trusting that you'll make something beautiful out of me (x2)

I will climb this mountain  
With my hands wide open  
I will climb this mountain  
With my hands wide open

There is nothing I hold on to  
There is nothing I hold on to  
There is nothing I hold on to  
There is nothing I hold on to (x3)

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**Co-Benediction**

**Pastor Henra and Pastor Darci**

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**Stay Online for Second Cup**

A time to just connect with everyone and share joys and pains of this difficult week.



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**Aaron Lamont**

artist: Willam Murphy

When you put that in this atmosphere  
The Lord's my light and salvation  
Whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I be afraid?

Real simple the song, I wanna teach it to you tonight  
The Lord's my light and salvation  
Whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I be afraid? [x2]

I will wait on you, I will wait on you  
I will trust in you, I will trust in you

Ya'll help me, The Lord is my light, everybody sing

The Lord is my light and salvation  
Whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I be afraid? [x2]

I will wait on you, I will wait on you  
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I will remain confident in this I will see the goodness of the Lord

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I will wait on you, I will wait on you [x2]  
I will trust in you, I will trust in you [x2]  
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We set our hope on You  
We set our hope on Your love  
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I will wait on you, I will wait on you  
I will trust in you, I will trust in you

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord  
I don't know about you, I don't know about you  
But I am goin to trust in the Lord  
Till I I die  
I will trust  
In, In the Lord  
Hey, Hey  
I'm Gonna, I'm gonna, I'm gonna, I'm gonna  
Trust in the Lord  
I will trust in the Lord  
OH yes I will  
I'll trust in the lord  
Till I  
Aye  
Till I die



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**Poetic Reflections**

**Pastor Henra**

Fire burns as the heart pleads for justice

Fire burns as mother's mourn for the lost of their son's and daughters

And they ask the question how long will it be before the powers that be  
see me, see us, as human whose lives matter

How much will it take, to break the chains of a system built to oppress

Built to arrest the very lives of those who look like me,

Words of fire come down and give a message that's burns,

A message that will open up the flood gates of heaven and put out the  
fires of racism and injustice,

Fire burns as the people riot, all because the people are tired....

Words of fire speak to us....

Tell us the way forward,

Bring down the spirit of love and togetherness on each of us,

Brush the stains of hate and bigotry out the mouth of American

So that we may speak new words that create a new normal

Words of fire, burn our soul so that we may be renewed

Gives us the words to create a new dedication to each other .....

Speak your words of fire clergy, so that your soul may be heard,

Spirit speak your truth to us, so we may have a clue to what's right

Place our spirit on the side of justice, and our minds in the seats of  
hope



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**Poetic Reflections(continued)**

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Guide our words to the table of love, and prepare for us a plate of understanding,

Holy Spirit pour us a cup of your grace and mercy, and feed us with the spoon of compassion

Holy Spirit of fire, wash us with your soap of forgiveness, and dry us off with your towel of Courage

Guide us, words of fire, renew in us a right spirit with a pure heart....words of fire speak to us, so that we make speak the words that will bring peace, that will bring unity, that will bring justice.

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Ezekiel 36:24-36

**Briana Childs**

**24** I will take you from the nations, I will gather you from all the countries, and I will bring you to your own fertile land. **25** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be cleansed of all your pollution. I will cleanse you of all your idols. **26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove your stony heart from your body and replace it with a living one, **27** and I will give you my spirit so that you may walk according to my regulations and carefully observe my case laws. **28** Then you will live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, you will be my people, and I will be your God. **29** I will save you from all your uncleanness, and I will summon the grain and make it grow abundantly so that you won't endure famine. **30** I will make abundant the orchards' fruit and the fields' produce so that you will never again endure the shame of famine among the nations. **31** Then you will remember your evil ways and no-good deeds, and you will feel disgust for yourselves because of your sinful and detestable practices. **32** Not for your sake do I act. This is what the Lord God proclaims. Let that be known to you! Be ashamed and be humiliated because of all your ways, house of Israel. **33** The Lord God proclaims: On the day that I cleanse you of all your guilt, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the ruins will be rebuilt. **34** The desolate land will be farmed, and it won't be like it was when it seemed a wasteland to all who passed by. **35** They will say, "This land, which was a desolation, has become like the garden of Eden." And the cities that were ruined, ravaged, and razed are now fortified and inhabited. **36** The surviving nations around you will know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt what was torn down and have planted what was made desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.

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**A Word from a Fellow Sojourner**

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"Open Up"

**Aaron Lamont**

artist: The Brilliance

You heard the cry of our hearts  
And You came down  
Freely You gave us Your love  
Showing us how

Make me an instrument of Your peace  
Where there is hatred let me sow love  
Where there is darkness let me shine light and  
May Your love cause us to open up  
Cause us to open up our hearts  
May Your light cause us to shine so bright  
That we bring hope into the dark

All that we do without love  
It means nothing  
Grant us the courage to give  
As You're calling



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Your love is  
Strength in our weakness, Your love is  
May we love, as You love  
Hope for the hopeless, Your love is  
Strength in our weakness, Your love is  
May we love, as You love  
(As only You can love, oh God)  
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**Jill McAfee**

artist: Travis Greene

Darkness seems to be all around me  
Searching for what my eyes cannot see  
Where to go next and who can I trust  
No one but You, my hope is Jesus

I can see the light  
I can see the light coming  
I can see the light  
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Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh  
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

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This won't last  
Your word will come to pass  
I can see the light, coming  
It's coming

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh  
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

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Shine your light, your light on us  
Shine your light Jesus, oh  
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**Poetic Reflections**

**Pastor Darci**

Speak to us of pain unknown – multiplied – over centuries of  
dreams & pain deferred –  
Pain – ignored, denied & unheard –  
That bubbles up from the depth of ocean – from the deepest  
well of the HEART–  
From the embodied places thought calloused in years of hatred  
hurled  
NOT calloused but strengthened – and still delicate to the  
touch  
Grief from the heart Erupting lava into FIRE this time, THE FIRE  
Next TIME  
The blaze speaks – Words of fire – the language of the unheard  
Riot and RAGE Tear down to build up  
Connecting & shaping this world anew  
Fires Speak of pain unheard and unknown multiplied  
Like the flames that jump and connect  
Despite a system designed to genocide & dehumanize  
Still you rise and rise  
Alive with every beat of the heart  
The voice of unheard – that never died – you survived – & YOU  
thrive  
We are fighting for our lives and our hearts still beating – we  
ALL MUST BE IN THE FIGHT – following black leadership – not  
retreating  
BUT Gas light burns bright – showing into the night – producing  
false warmth and bystanders –  
Fossilized hearts made of stone  
Singed by hundreds of years of weaponized fire  
Cauterized is the pump that centers the White body – hearts of  
stone fail to beat and skip at violence and pain yet unknown  
Burning crosses – Pitchforks and torches raised by lynch mobs.  
Light emitting from fire and phones  
The already faint heartbeat fails to throb  
Attempted murder – false accusations and threatening police  
calls

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Hearts of stone lay heavy open in burning chests and cheeks  
Standing by while fires burn – moralizing with Empire’s lens  
Racialized trauma hardens white hearts and stone hearts hurt  
when they beat

Asleep to the value of human life – & in denial of who we are  
So we look but don’t see and find ways to retreat  
With every divine life lost we lose a part of me and you  
We are lost without George, Tony, Breonna, Amaud, ATatyiana,  
Sheronda, Daniel, Susan, Brenisha and Sandra, Freddie & Kalif  
and Philando and LaQuan & Terance & Alton and Mike and  
Oscar and Kevin & Trevon and Tamir & Emmett – there’s so  
many more to name – this list is so long!

How Long – Oh HOW LONG!!!

The world should cry out as a part of our whole has been torn  
asunder

The veil – the temple curtain was torn – in grief and pain  
Yet so MANY of my community of white others continue to rest  
under

Words of fire speak out and speak loud

From New Language we journey and sojourn from head to heart  
Tongues practicing speech and stone hearts re- learning to  
beat – not a language universal

But specific and distinct – unique like all God’s beloved  
creation the NEW HEART beating and drumming for justice past  
and present

Humanity comes alive with this SANCTIFIED vocation  
The NEW HEART – transplanted and with it a new spirit  
Take care that the body does not reject this new matrix  
The new covenant – arrived to us in the ontological Black Jesus  
BUT empire married orthodoxy and the message and spirit left  
us

The new heart – demands witness and protection from violence  
condoned at the hands and stone heart of the state  
Take care of this new organ – it’s precious and malleable



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A new heart that beats true will never be infallible  
BUT the drum beats and heart beats can be course corrected  
in time

To MATCH and FOLLOW - to the rhythm of true hope - to the  
rhythm of real solidarity -

to the rhythm of rich love - of self - love - Black - love - to  
ancestors redeemed

The new heart beats and walks a beat to drum of Black  
Women

A love filled- heart NEVER COLONIZED

& the magic of a girl - the joy of a black boi

Beats and rhythms in the dreams of the ancestors realized

IN BEATS - in hearts transformed and reborn

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**Scripture Reading:**

**Alexia Rice-Henry**

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

We know that if the tent that we live in on earth is torn down,  
we have a building from God. It's a house that isn't handmade,  
which is eternal and located in heaven. **2** We groan while we  
live in this residence. We really want to dress ourselves with our  
building from heaven— **3** since we assume that when we take  
off this tent, we won't find out that we are naked. **4** Yes, while  
we are in this tent we groan, because we are weighed down.  
We want to be dressed not undressed, so that what is dying  
can be swallowed up by life.

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**5** Now the one who prepared us for this very thing is God, and God gave us the Spirit as a down payment for our home. **6** So we are always confident, because we know that while we are living in the body, we are away from our home with the Lord. **7** We live by faith and not by sight. **8** We are confident, and we would prefer to leave the body and to be at home with the Lord. **9** So our goal is to be acceptable to him, whether we are at home or away from home. **10** We all must appear before Christ in court so that each person can be paid back for the things that were done while in the body, whether they were good or bad. Ministry of reconciliation **11** So we try to persuade people, since we know what it means to fear the Lord. We are well known by God, and I hope that in your heart we are well known by you as well. **12** We aren't trying to commend ourselves to you again. Instead, we are giving you an opportunity to be proud of us so that you could answer those who take pride in superficial appearance, and not in what is in the heart. **13** If we are crazy, it's for God's sake. If we are rational, it's for your sake. **14** The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. **15** He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised. **16** So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. **17** So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! **17** So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

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**Jill McAfee**

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artist: Israel Houghton

What a moment you have brought me to  
Such a freedom I have found in you  
You're the healer who makes all things new, yeah, yeah, yeah

I'm not going back, I'm moving ahead  
Here to declare to you my past is over in you  
All things are made new, surrendered my life to Christ  
I'm moving, moving forward, oh

You have risen with all power in your hands  
You have given me a second chance  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, yeah, yeah, yeah  
Oh yeah, yeah, yeah, oh

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**Worship Through Singing**  
**"I Need You"**

**Aaron Lamont**  
artist: Matt Maher

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
Where You are, Lord, I am freeHoliness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
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So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

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**Scripture Reading:  
1 Corinthians 15:35-49**

**Lizz Hutchinson**

35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" 36 Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 39 Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40 There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. 42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

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**Aaron Lamont**

artist: Travis Greene

Standing here not knowing how we'll get through this test  
But holding onto faith You know that  
Nothing can catch You by surprise  
You got this figured out and You're watching us now  
But when it looks as if we can't win  
You wrap us in Your arm and step in  
And everything we need You supply  
You got this in control  
And now we know that

You made a way  
When our backs were against the wall  
And it looked as if it was over  
You made a way  
And we're standing here  
Only because You made a way  
You made a way  
And now we're here  
Looking back on where we come from  
Because of You and nothing we've done  
To deserve the love and mercy You've shown  
But Your grace was strong enough to pick us up

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When our backs were against the wall  
And it looked as if it was over  
Lord You made a way  
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And you move mountains  
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## Worship Through Singing

### "All Are Welcome"

Jill McAfee

artist: Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
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Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.  
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Let us build a house where all are named,  
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and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
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**Forth of July Required Reading:** **Deacon Amir Jones**  
**an excerpt of "The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro"**  
**Written by Frederick Douglass**

What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July?  
I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all other  
days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is  
the constant victim.

To him, your celebration is a sham;  
your boasted liberty, an unholy license;  
your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sound of  
rejoicing are empty and heartless;  
your denunciation of tyrants brass fronted impudence;  
your shout of liberty and equality, hollow mockery;  
your prayers and hymns, your sermons and  
thanks-givings, with all your religious parade and solemnity,  
are to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and  
hypocrisy -- a thin veil to cover up crimes which would  
disgrace a nation of savages.  
There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices more  
shocking and bloody than are the people of the United States,  
at this very hour.

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**Acree Macam**

**Matthew 11:16-19**

**16** "To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, **17** 'We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't mourn.'

**18** For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' **19** Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by her works."

**Matthew 11: 25-30**

**25** At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. **26** Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness. **27** "My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him. **28** "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. **29** Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. **30** My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

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**Invitation to the Table**

**Pastor Darci**

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In the power of your name  
You lift me up  
You lift me up  
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Hope like no other  
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Stronger than mountains  
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**Kevin Garcia**

**"Ancient Mother"**

Hymn #1069 Singing the Journey

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Ancient Mother, I hear you sing.

Ancient Mother, I feel your laughter.

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**Children's Moment**

**Deacon Daniel Bass**

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**Sacred Reading**

**Myles Markham**

From The Gloria Anzaldúa Reader, edited by AnaLouise Keating, p. 34-35

"Many have a way with words. They label themselves seers, but they will not see. Many have the gift of tongue but nothing to say. Do not listen to them. Many who have words and tongue have no ear; they cannot listen and they will not hear. There is no need for words to fester in our minds. They germinate in the open mouth of the barefoot child in the midst of restive crowds. They wither in ivory towers and in college classrooms. Throwaway abstraction and the academic learning, the rules, the map, and compass. Feel your way without blinders. To touch more people, the personal realities and the social must be evoked—not through rhetoric but through blood and pus and sweat. Write with your eyes like painters, with your ears like musicians, with your feet like dancers. You are the truthsayer with quill and torch. Write with your tongues of fire. Don't let the pen banish you from yourself. Don't let the ink coagulate in your pens. Don't let the censor snuff out the spark, nor the gags muffle your voice. Put your shit on the paper. We are not reconciled to the oppressors who whet their howl on our grief. We are not reconciled. Find the [divine spark] within you. The voice that lies buried under you, dig it up. Do not fake it, try to sell it for a handclap or your name in print. Love, Gloria"

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**Philippians 4:1-9**

**4** Rejoice in the [Divine] always; again I will say, Rejoice. **5** Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The [Divine] is all around. **6** Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of the Goddess, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds like Christ Jesus. **8** Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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**Poetic Intervention**

**"The Coming of the Mondo Surdo"**

**Lizz Hutchinson**

**by Gloria Anzaldua**

I walk among you  
see sad things in my head  
not being free  
is being dead  
This is the year  
the people of peace  
break out of bondage.  
Together we will walk  
through walls by the lunar  
light see our  
left-handedness...



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Prepare the way  
Love is the doctrine  
I am becoming-being  
the questor the questing the quest  
You and I have already met  
We are meeting we will meet  
The real unknown is feeling  
The real unknown is love  
do not be afraid  
to touch each other  
We go naked here.  
Come to me my [sibling]  
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When all of a sudden, I am unaware of these afflictions  
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And oh, how She loves us oh  
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And we are His portion and She is our prize,  
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Aaron Lamont

artists: All Sons and Daughters

Lord, I find You in the seeking  
Lord, I find You in the doubt  
And to know You is to love You  
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Oh I need You Oh how I need You  
Oh how I need You  
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Lord I find You in the morning  
Lord I seek You everyday  
Let my life be for Your glory  
Woven in Your threads of grace  
I need You  
Oh how I need You  
Oh how I need You  
Oh how I need You  
Oooh!

Light glorious light, I will go where you shine  
Break the dawn, crack the skies  
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**Marquis White**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus told them another parable: "The kin-dom of heaven is like someone who planted seeds in their field. While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. When the stalks sprouted, then the weeds became apparent. The workers came and said to the landowner, 'Didn't you plant seeds in your field? Where did these weeds come from?'" "An enemy has done this," they answered. "The workers said, 'Do you want us to go and gather the weeds?'" "The landowner said, 'No, because if you gather the weeds, you will pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow side by side until the harvest, when we will gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. We will bring the wheat into my barn.'" Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. The disciples came and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." Jesus replied, "The one who plants the seeds is the Human One. The field is the world. And the seeds are the followers of the kin-dom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age. The harvesters are the angels. Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age. The Human One will send the angels, and they will gather out of the world all those people and things that cause people to fall away. They will be thrown into a burning furnace. People there will weep and grind their teeth. Then the righteous will flourish in God's kin-dom. Those who have ears should hear."

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I'm laying down  
I want to know You, Lord  
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Lord, I've been told I'm not good enough  
But You're here with me

And I reach out and You find me in the dust  
You say no amount of untruths can separate us I reach out,  
I reach out and You find me in the dust  
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I reach out, oh, I reach out and You find me in the dust  
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