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for Soloists, Instrumentalists and Music Committees
in Christian Science Churches

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**Avoid unnecessary scrolling through endless pages!
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Leap quickly from week to week and from section to section
by using the **Bookmark View** on your Adobe Reader.
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2. Click "View" and choose "Navigation Panels" in the drop-down list.
3. Click "Bookmarks".
4. This will open a column of Bookmarks to the left of your pdf.
5. In the Bookmarks pane, you will be able to click easily to each section of Solo Thoughts.

**In summary, just remember this sequence:
View/Navigation Panels/Bookmarks**

Welcome to Solo Thoughts!

Here's what's in store for you when you use this resource:

- Simple format
- Efficient process to search for solos for your church service
- Direct links to multiple online music sites for ease of purchase
- Instant digital downloads & shippable hard copy music at your fingertips
- Comprehensive research tool matching solos with bible lesson sermons

Here's what you can expect with each week listed in Solo Thoughts:

- Concise lists of solos, ranging on average, between 12 and 25 songs per week.
- Solos are categorized for ease of use:

Solo Categories:

1. Solos: Overall Theme
2. Solos by Bible Lesson Section
3. Solos by Hymn Words
4. Solo Settings of Mary Baker Eddy's Poems and Texts

Learn how to navigate easily and efficiently from week to week:

Use the **Bookmarks Tool** in Adobe Acrobat to move easily from week to week and from solo category to solo category. Just follow the directions on the Table of Contents page to open your Bookmark Pane.

Ex:



Click directly to the purchase point for each solo listed:

Each song title has a specific link to take you to the "buy" page for additional information and online purchase. Just click, explore and buy.

Ex: Apple of My Eye – Music and Lyrics by Deborah Ann Offenhauser

Explore and Purchase this Song at the following Site(s):

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=533>

Additional tools to help you find the perfect solo:

Many song titles offer multiple links to buy instant digital sheet music, shippable hard copies, and song book collections. You can also listen to or purchase a related CD.

Example:

Peter and John (2005)

Music by Mindy Jostyn

Lyrics by Mindy Jostyn and Jacob Brackman based on Acts 3:1-3

Instant Digital Sheet Music:

<http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=904>

CD: <http://watchfiremusic.com/album.php?dcid=7>

**Enjoy your inspired search of solos with
Solo Thoughts!**

Solo Thoughts News and Notes

1st Quarter 2017 Q&A

Solo Thoughts Song Titles

Q: Why do we sometimes see song titles posted more than once in a quarter, and conversely, why are certain titles left out that would clearly go with the Bible Lesson?

A: This is a great question. The answer is that the Solo Thoughts editors work to bring you a creative and informed set of titles each quarter. Sometimes, the editors will repeat a title used from the last quarter, or again in the same issue, because that title seems to highlight more than one Bible Lesson in an important way.

Conversely, in order to highlight new music and new composers whenever possible, the editors may sacrifice listing titles that were recently used in a previous or current quarter of Solo Thoughts. On the whole, WFM and the Solo Thoughts editors feel that it is very important to bring new musical ideas for Bible Lessons and to introduce new titles wherever appropriate and possible.

Tip: Hang on to your Solo Thoughts from previous quarters in a given year and perhaps make notes on solos that you think would work well for future Bible Lessons.

Listing Choral Music Titles

Q: Why does Solo Thoughts often include choral music titles when Solo Thoughts is geared to the solo singer in church services?

A: We've found through experience that choral music titles can broaden and refresh a church soloist's repertoire. The many choral titles that we list are very well suited to being performed by a soloist.

In most cases, the soloist usually needs to do some extra work to map out the melody, though it may move between staves at different points in the choral score. Through some planning with the accompanist, these choral songs-turned-solos can bring new life and music into the church service. To cite a couple of examples, Joseph Martin's "Song of Unity" and his "Song of the Spirit" work beautifully as solo songs for the church service.

Update on posting Solo Thoughts

Q: How far in advance does Watchfire Music post each new issue of Solo Thoughts?

A: Historically, we have posted each new quarterly issue of Solo Thoughts exactly 6 weeks in advance of the new quarter. About a year and a half ago, we extended the post deadline to fall somewhere in the 5 to 6 week range in advance of the new quarter.

Due to what appears to be a later schedule of the release of the quarterly Bible Lesson Citations from the CSPA, we are now further shifting our posting deadline to fall within the range of 4 to 6 weeks in advance of the new quarter. We appreciate your patience, loyalty, and interest in this useful and helpful resource for musicians in Christian Science churches.

Audio Samples and Your Mobile Device

Q: Why can't I listen to audio samples on my mobile device?

A: The answer is that our very large site is currently in process of becoming completely mobile compatible. We are working on it. It is definitely at the top of our list!

The WFM site is now over 3000 pages selling over 12,000 individual products. Shifting the site over to effective mobile compatibility turns out to be no easy snap of the fingers. Our team is working on this as we write. Thank you for your patience. We'll keep you posted.

Q: How do I find Solo Thoughts on the new watchfiremusic.com website?

A: Good news! It can be found on the top Nav Bar!

Just look for the "Resource" drop-down menu on the top Nav Bar of watchfiremusic.com. Click "Resources" and then click on "Solo Thoughts CS."

Q: I ordered sheet music from Watchfire Music but lost the download link. How can I get my music?

A: Whenever you order sheet music from WFM, you receive an automated Order Confirmation Email directly from our website. In that email is a **Download Link.**

Just scroll down in your email to the **Download Information** area and click on the link provided. Once you click on it, your browser will open up your Purchase page where you can download the digital sheet music that you ordered, along with any other digital files you may have purchased such as mp3s.

Q: What is a [Solo Treasure] and where do I get the music?

A: A [Solo Treasure] is an out-of-print song that is no longer available for purchase.

As a courtesy to you, we include out-of-print titles that you may already have in your church music library, and we match them to upcoming Bible Lessons. When you see the label **[Solo Treasure]** listed after a title, this indicates that the song is no longer in print circulation. Therefore, **no link is provided** to purchase the song.

News: Items of Interest

NEW PRODUCT In BETA

Solo Thoughts Instrumentals is now available for purchase -- as a separate product -- for those who need it.

For over 9 years, Watchfire Music has sold Solo Thoughts without ever raising the price, though our costs have increased over time. So, now we have separated the Solo Thoughts Instrumentals suggestions from Solo Thoughts in an effort to keep costs economical and streamlined.

For those of you who require more research on a week by week basis, you can now purchase and download **Solo Thoughts Instrumentals** -- organ and keyboard music matched to the Weekly Christian Science Bible Lessons for each quarter.

We are beta-testing this product to see what kind of response we receive. For now, you can purchase this product separately on the Solo Thoughts page at this link: http://watchfiremusic.com/solo_thoughts.php?coid=19

Please note: We are no longer including a short alpha list of instrumental sheet music with Solo Thoughts.

Thank you for evolving with us as our products continue to develop to aid you in your music ministries in church and beyond.

Remember: You may share **Solo Thoughts** with your musicians, music committee members and other interested members of your church (and your church only). So, feel free to share the Solo Thoughts PDF via print-out or email within the circle of your church community.

ISOTW: Inspirational Song of the Week

Get your Inspirational Song of the Week! This is a weekly series from Watchfire Music. It highlights song recordings from the WFM catalogue and is available to listen to throughout the week. Just click here any time to listen: <http://watchfiremusic.com/inspirationsongoftheweek/>

To receive your Inspirational Song of the Week, delivered each week via email, please click on this link to sign up: <http://watchfiremusic.fanbridge.com/>

Solo Thoughts Community on Facebook!

Watchfire Music has created a Facebook Group for Solo Thoughts subscribers and anyone interested in music in church. The group is going full steam with lots of new members.

We look forward to seeing YOU on Facebook and becoming a part of the Solo Thoughts Community. There, you will be able to post, comment, ask questions, and share your stories of progress and success in your work with music in your churches.

Please visit the Solo Thoughts Community on Facebook and join! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/211924449003826/>

General Information

Watchfire Music - <http://www.watchfiremusic.com> - is the owner and exclusive distributor of **Solo Thoughts**. We're hard at work bringing both new composers and music to you as well as bringing more out-of-print solos back into circulation. Please visit our Composer page: <http://watchfiremusic.com/wfm/composers/>

All of Watchfire Music's sheet music catalogue is available in the form of digital sheet music downloads. You can view sample pages of every piece of music on the site and listen to sample MP3s for most titles listed. Finally, you may purchase and download MP3 song files for listening and studying. Many composers also now offer accompaniment tracks for use in performance.

Other Sheet Music Resources:

Solo Thoughts includes many other websites for researching and purchasing solos that

best meet yours and your congregation's needs. We research throughout the Internet to provide the purchase links for each solo title listed in this publication. Our list includes, but is not limited to various online sheet music distributors, the websites of individual composers, and publishers as well.

Sheet Music Information

Transpositions

Susan Lindquist is doing transpositions on order through her music service SLVivace; however, you **MUST** own the music and **MUST** state that you own the music when you place your order at slvivace@comcast.net. Also, transpositions are for your personal use only and not for further distribution or resale.

Lyrics and Music:

As we branch out beyond the old standards to search for new and interesting music, we are recommending solos that come from a variety of sources, including contemporary CS composers, but we are also including music from other denominations. Some churches are limited in the words they want to hear; others allow a broader range of lyrics.

As we bring you newer music, there are more styles of music, including gospel, contemporary Christian, spirituals, theatrical, and pop music. Not all of these styles will appeal to every congregation. We suggest you might clear the words and music with your music committees if there is a question.

In general, we will list the some of song lyrics unless they are easily referenced, such as hymn words (i.e., check the Christian Science Hymnal) or Psalm 23 (i.e., check the Bible). Due to copyright restrictions full lyrics may not always be listed. ALL LYRICS QUOTED ARE FOR STUDY PURPOSES ONLY.

In the case of using altered lyrics, please note that changing lyrics is illegal without the permission of the copyright holder, unless the lyrics are PD (public domain—published before 1923). If you must change a lyric to fit the needs of your congregation, please note that the changed lyric that you perform in church or anywhere cannot be published, recorded, broadcast, or performed in a paying public performance without the express consent from the copyright holder.

Please Note:

We continue to work to find all the URLs to get you directly to the listed music. If you find a broken link, please let us know. It's one of the ways we keep our databases up to date -- through the generous help of our subscribers. You can reach us at support@watchfiremusic.com

In Summary

As we continue to evolve Solo Thoughts and bring more interesting sacred music to your attention, we sincerely hope that you enjoy using Solo Thoughts. We hope that it serves as a springboard of inspiration and ideas as you continue on your adventure of presenting inspirational and healing music in your church services!

With warmest wishes from
The Solo Thoughts Editors
and the Watchfire Music Team

Date: February 5, 2017

Subject: Spirit

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Solos: Overall Theme

- **All is Spirit (2013)**

Music and Lyrics by Desiree Goyette and Ed Bogas
Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://lightchild.com/music.php>

Here is a soaring contemporary solo with lush jazz-influenced harmonies and colorful imagery painting a vivid picture of life's inherently spiritual nature.

***Lyrics:** Consider a rainbow, Consider a rose, It's hard to imagine anything as lovely as those. Consider the brightness In a newborn's eyes It's hard to imagine anyone as precious or wise Yet right where the rainbow, the rose and the newborn appear to be There's a presence and power beyond what eyes can see For all is Spirit All is Spirit, Spirit is all Consider the darkness, Consider the rain, It's hard to imagine that the sun will shine again Consider the night when The shadows of sorrow steal your sleep And you can't imagine overcoming a hurt so deep. Yet right where the darkness, the rain and the pain appear to be There's a presence and power beyond what eyes can see For all is Spirit All is Spirit, Spirit is all Reflections dancing in mirror That's what the world seems to see. Take away the mirror And what's left is reality! Consider a moment When fear is no more And Love sings a tender invitation to open a brand new door Consider the freedom, Consider the peace, "Shaken together, running over" with increase! This heavenly view leads us through to a glimpse of eternity Where presence and power are all we see! For all is Spirit All is Spirit All is Spirit, Spirit is all.*

- **All-Presence (1986)**

Music by Adrienne Tindall
Lyrics by Peter Henniker-Heaton
Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1478>

Contemporary and moderately difficult, this solo is gentle and has excellent words.

***Lyrics:** We cannot turn away from God, because whichever way we face, Spirit is there. In ev'ry place, every direction, everywhere, Spirit is there. Whether we turn to left or right, to north or south or east or west, we meet with Love, and we are blessed. Upward or down, below, above, we meet with Love. Whether we plunge to ocean trench, or plot our course for farthest space, Love's law controls. Whatever race we enter, toward whatever goals, Love's law controls. Whether we build for centuries hence, or let tomorrow bound our aim, God sets the pace. Always the same, with instant and eternal grace, God sets the pace!*

● **Chariots Of Fire (2015)**

Music and Lyrics by Deborah Offenhauser

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1470>

With a nod to gospel music, "Chariots of Fire" is an exciting anthem that rouses Christian soldiers on to spiritual victory.

Lyrics: And Moses led the Children out Unto the Promised Land. They cried out for more bread and meat Than Moses found on hand. To feed and water all of them seemed A very heavy task, But when Moses turned to God in prayer, He only had to ask, 'cause He saw a legion of angels, standing by his side. A chorus singing praises, Allelujah, way up high! Those chariots of fire, driving Justice through the sky, And the two-edged sword of David, with the Lord right by his side! Elijah was at one with God And did many wondrous things. He raised a child from the dead And saved the lives of kings. His doubts and fears were overcome As he drew close to God, And his vision was uplifted And his heart was filled with awe, 'cause Our Lord and Master did it all: The sinner he redeemed. The sick were healed, the poor were fed He woke all from their dream! The kingdom of heaven is just within He told the people true. With confidence he blessed us all, And saved both me and you.

● **Come Down, Lord (1984)**

Music and Lyrics by Stan Pethel

Shippable Hard Copy: http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/come-down-lord-sheet-music/480775?aff_id453475

This is a quietly rhythmic solo of moderate difficulty, easier for the voice than the accompanist.

Lyrics: Come down Lord; dwell among us today. Come down, Lord; send your Spirit O Lord, we pray. We are gathered in your name, Lord, we are here to lift you up. We are praising who you are, Lord, You're the Life that fills our cup. We're believing all you've taught us, as we live from day to day; we are asking for your blessing, and as one we come to say: won't you Come down, Lord; dwell among us today. Come down, Lord; send your Spirit, O Lord, today. We are in your loving fam'ly we are one in heart and soul. We rejoice in your salvation, for your Word has made us whole. Bless the infants, bless the children, bless the young and bless the old, be our Master, be our Shepherd, as we gather in your fold. Come down, Lord; dwell among us today. Come down, Lord; send your Spirit, O Lord, we pray. Send your Spirit, O Lord, we pray.

● **Come Holy Spirit (2006)**

Music and Lyrics by Joseph M. Martin

Shippable Hard Copy: http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/come-holy-spirit-sheet-music/18069718?aff_id453475

Contemporary and somewhat difficult, this lovely and moving choral piece includes the familiar hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Lyrics: Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our hearts to sing Your praise, tune our hearts to sing Your praise. Come, Holy Spirit, fall upon this sacred place. Fill this house of worship with Your perfect grace. Shine Your light within us. Surround us with Your wind. Blaze in us a mission, give to us a vision, revive us, Lord, again. Come, Holy Spirit, lead us in Your way. Give us all one language, one voice to sing Your praise. Make our lives Your holy temple. Make our hearts Your royal throne. We proclaim Your matchless glory. You are God alone. Come, Holy Spirit, make us strong and bold. Burn in us Your image, Refine us into gold. Let us be Your