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NEW SOLO TITLES!

ADDED to Watchfire Music's Sacred Song Catalogue

- [Angel and Star - Lea Schmidt-Rogers](#)
[Beloved, Let Us Love One Another - Robert Powell](#)
[Blessed Is She Who Believed - Ann Stephan](#)
[Blest Christmas Morn - Peter B. Allen](#)
[Christ My Refuge - Jennifer Nubel](#)
[Christ My Refuge - William Elliott](#)
[Feed My Sheep - William Elliott](#)
[For as the Rain Cometh Down - Robert Powell](#)
[He That Dwelleth in the Secret Place \(Ps. 91\) - Robert Powell](#)
[I Am Calling You - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[I The Lord, Will Hold Thy Right Hand - Robert Powell](#)
[I Will Press On - Ann Stephan](#)
[Leave It There - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Love - Robert Powell](#)
[Mother's Evening Prayer - William Elliott](#)
[Out of Reach - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Prayer Is Your Friend - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Psalms 139 - Mel Atkey](#)
[Satisfied/2005 - Katrina Wylie](#)
[Simply Satisfied - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Softly - Katrina Wylie](#)
[Substance - Carolyn Kardinal](#)
[The Beatitudes - Robert Powell](#)
[The Evidence Of Things Unseen - Peter Link](#)
[The Kingdom of God - Katrina Wylie](#)
[The Lord Bless Thee - Robert Powell](#)
[The Lord is my Shepherd - Robert Powell](#)
[The Meaning of Aloha - Mel Atkey](#)
[There Is Love - Carolyn Kardinal](#)
[What Wondrous Love is This? - Robert Powell](#)
[Where We Are Loved - Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)
[Woke Up This Morning - Katrina Wylie](#)
[You Are The Light Of The World - Ann Stephan](#)

NEW Organ/Keyboard TITLES!
ADDED to Watchfire Music's Sacred Song Catalogue:

Nicholas Schliapin

[Africa - Now shall my inward joys arise](#)
[Cusseta - Show mercy, Lord, O Lord forgive](#)
[Devotion - Sweet is the day of sacred rest](#)
[Distress - The King of glory sends his son](#)
[Edom - With songs and honors sounding loud](#)
[Expression - Oh, Jesus, my Savior](#)
[Florence - Not many years their rounds shall roll](#)
[Hallelujah - And we'll all sing hallelujah](#)
[Hebron - Thus far the Lord hath led me on](#)
[Invocation \(First\) - Rise, my soul](#)
[King of Peace - Lord, I cannot let Thee go](#)
[Lenox - Blow ye the trumpet, blow](#)
[Pleyel's Hymn \(First\) - While Thee I seek, protecting Pow'r](#)
[Primrose - Salvation, O the joyful sound](#)
[Return Again - Saviour, visit Thy plantation](#)
[Russia - My spirit looks to God alone](#)
[Saints Bound for Heaven - Our bondage, it shall end](#)
[The Christian Warfare - I find myself placed in a state of probation](#)
[The Marriage in the Skies - O ring the bells of heaven high](#)

Lea Schmidt-Rogers

[Andalusia](#)
[August](#)
[Easter Joy](#)
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[Sacred Ground](#)
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**Avoid unnecessary scrolling through endless pages!
Use The Navigational Feature on your Adobe Reader:
Bookmark Hyperlink Navigation**

Leap quickly from week to week and from section to section
by using the **Bookmark View** on your Adobe Reader.
This will save you from scrolling back and forth!

Just follow these simple instructions:

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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

2nd Quarter 2017 Q&A

Update: Listening to Audio Samples on your Computer and/or Your Mobile Device

Q: Why can't I hear the audio samples on my computer or mobile device?

A: The reason you cannot hear samples could stem from one or more of several reasons: If you are trying to listen from a mobile device, unfortunately, our site is not yet fully mobile compatible. We are working on it! So for the time being, please make sure you are at a laptop or desktop computer when listening.

Also, please check your volume levels on your computer and/or the speakers attached to your computer.

If these do not seem to be the problem, it's possible that your computer has been updated to a new operating system. You may need to update your internet browser, as a result. If you update your browser, you may also notice a small message on your browser screen saying that your Flash is out of date. Just reinstall Flash and your audio samples should work for you.

In summary, check your volume, make sure it is not on mute; update your browser and possibly update Flash.

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 in Solo Thoughts

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.

More Questions

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 Website Coming!

Yes! Watchfire Music will be rolling out a new ecommerce site for all of our sheet music and recorded products! By doing this we'll be offering an optimized, up to date purchasing and download experience for you on your desktop computer, laptop and all of your mobile devices. We'll keep you posted, but we are excited to let you know that it's coming!

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: June 4, 2017

Subject: God the Only Cause and Creator

Solo Categories:

- Solos: Overall Theme
- Solos by Bible Lesson Section
- Solos by Hymn Words
- Solo Settings of Mary Baker Eddy's Poems and Texts

Solos: Overall Theme

● All Creation Sings His Praise (1993)

Music and Lyrics by Dick and Mel Tunney, arr. Bruce Greer
Shippable Hard Copy: <http://www.lillenas.com/nphweb/html/lmol/itempage.jsp?itemId=AG-1002&catalogId=LMO&catSecCd=CHOIR&subCatSecCd=ANTHE&sub>

Contemporary and difficult, this is a big, beautiful praise choral/solo that will raise the rafters.

Lyrics: All creation sings! All creation sings! All creation sings His praise! Praise the Lord, my soul, Praise the Lord, my soul. All that is within me the deepest of my being, Praise the Lord, my soul. Everything that breathes, All that the eyes can see, Giving testimony to His greatness only. Bless the Lord, Maker of all, Only He is worthy! With the angels we must fall to our knees! Even the rocks cry out His name, All creation sings His praise! Numbered like the stars No matter where we are, Love that can't be measured, His thoughts of us are treasures we can hide within our hearts. Let the trees clap their hands, Let the deepest waters dance, Every hill and valley bearing witness gladly. Bless the Lord, Maker of all, Only He is worthy! With the angels we must fall to our knees! Even the rocks cry out His name, All creation sings His praise! All creation sings, All creation sings, "Worthy, worthy, Creator of all things!" Make a joyful noise, Make a joyful noise, Those who know his voice. Men from farthest nations, every generation. Bless the Lord, Maker of all, Only He is worthy! With the angels we must fall to our knees! Even the rocks cry out His name, All creation sings His praise! All creation sings His praise! All creation sings His praise! Alleluia!

● All Things Bright and Beautiful (2003)

Music by 17th century melody, arr. S.I. Lindquist
Lyrics by Cecil F. Alexander
Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=209>

This solo is a hymn for harp and voice that is easy to sing and play, and can be done on piano or organ. The accompaniment has many broken chords and arpeggios, and the solo is especially effective when sung with a light touch.

Lyrics: All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. The purple-headed mountain, The river running by, The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one; All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

● **All Things Bright and Beautiful (1980)**

Music by 17th century melody; arr. John Rutter

Lyrics by Cecil F. Alexander

Shippable Hard Copy: http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/all-things-bright-and-beautiful-sheet-music/518950?aff_id453475

This contemporary choral/solo is somewhat difficult and is a bright and rhythmic accompanied version of the old hymn.

Lyrics: All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. The purple-headed mountain, The river running by, The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one; All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

● **Cause and Creation (2013)**

Music by April Brahinsky

Lyrics by April Brahinsky and Job 37:14

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1216>

This contemporary solo is fairly easy, with some accidentals to negotiate. It's conversational in feeling with an understated accompaniment. Creation.

Lyrics: One Cause - Mind: shown forth in intelligence. One Cause - Spirit: revealed in delight. One Cause - Life: expressed in activity. One Cause - Truth: seen in all that is right. Creation is Soul rejoicing in its own kaleidoscopic beauty. Creation is Mind reflecting the brilliance of reality. Creation is Life beholding its own sparkling purity. Creation is Love enfolding all in warmth and immortality. Consider the wondrous works of God: Complete ideas unfolding, Embraced by Love's upholding. Consider the glorious performance of Soul: Exquisite in its splendor, Incomparably tender. Consider the joyous laws of Principle Maintaining all creation in harmony and peace. Consider the healing power of Spirit Blessing all with the graciousness, the holiness, the eternity, Of Love that will never cease.

● **Church Without Walls (2010)**

Music and Lyrics by Pepper Choplin

Shippable Hard Copy: http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/Forever-God/19471835?aff_id453475

This contemporary, moderately difficult solo has inspiring words and heartfelt music. The music builds to a powerful ending.

Lyrics: Lord, we gather in Your Spirit, Living within Your love and grace. As we enter in with family and friends, we feast on the blessings You bring. Though we glory in Your presence, help us remember who we are. Let us heed Your call to go beyond these walls to be the church You send us out to be. Make us a church without walls, open to all, sharing holy love with all the world. And forgive us when we hide and hold Your love inside. O Lord, we hear the call to be church without walls. Break down the walls that hold the people out; break down the walls that hold us in. Lord, set us free, empower us to be a people that will go into the world. Send us to the world! Make us a church without walls, open to all, sharing holy love with all the world. And forgive us when we hide and hold Your love inside. O Lord, we hear the call to be church without walls. O Lord, we hear the call to be church without walls.