



# Solo Thoughts

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**with**

**Solo Treasures**

**A Research Tool**

for Soloists, Instrumentalists and Music Committees  
in Christian Science Churches

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# 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.

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## 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

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### 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

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### 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](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**

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**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**

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:support@watchfiremusic.com)*

## **In Summary**

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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: March 5, 2017

## Subject: Man

### Solo Categories:

Solos: Overall Theme

Solos by Bible Lesson Section

Solo Settings of Mary Baker Eddy's Poems and Texts

### Solos: Overall Theme

#### ● Child of God (2012)

Music by Ruth E. Lambert

Lyrics by Hatty May Nash

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1121>

Contemporary, moderate difficulty. Deeply meaningful lyrics set to lovely melodies. A comforting affirmation that we are all the children of God.

*Lyrics: Hark, child of God! This babbling mortal is not thy true self, The image pure of Love, The image pure of Love. Rise, child of God! The fear that would ensnare thee is unreal, It has no place nor power. Know, child of God, The Father's presence here thy strength supplies, And meets each daily need, And meets each daily need. Sing, child of God, Sweet songs of gratitude forevermore, Thou image pure of Love, Thou image pure of Love.*

#### ● Child of God (2015)

Music and Lyrics by Deborah Offenhauser

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1471>

The music of "Child of God" is a gentle reminder that our Divine Parent takes care of our every need. God is right here with you, and your Shepherd is showing you the way to go on this journey called life.

*Lyrics: Child of God, where are you going? Child of God, your Shepherd is showing You the way to go, and how to know, That you're the Child of God. Child of God, what are you seeing? Child of God, you'll see that you're being Only one with God. You can't be flawed – You are the Child of God. And now, right here, Your God is near, Your ever Father-Mother Loves you so ! And now, don't fear Your perfectness appears Right now, right here No need for any fear. Child of God, what are you hearing? Child of God, have you been fearing That it's all too real, and do you feel That you're not the Child of God? But now, right here, Your God is near, Your ever Father-Mother Loves you so ! So now, don't fear Your perfectness appears Right now, right here No need for any tear. Child of God, what are you knowing? Child of God, know that you're growing More and more in Love, And that's because .... You are the Child of God! Beloved Child of God!*

#### ● God's Child (1957) *[Solo Treasure]*

Music and Lyrics by Carl Fredrickson

Melodic song, moderate difficulty. Sparse accompaniment with a swaying 6/8 melody. Good words in a pretty, melodic setting.



**Lyrics:** *I am God's perfect child, Pure and forever free; No matter where I may journey, On land or over the sea, My Father has given this promise: His love goeth ever with me. God's child is one with the Father, God's child is harmonious, complete; Fulfilling the promise of Heaven, God places all things at his feet. Whenever I ask Him to help me With problems that come every day, I find I'm given the wisdom To know what to do and to say; If only I seek Him and listen, My Father will show me the way. God's child is always obedient, God's child expresses His love; Since he is God's image and likeness, His thoughts are on things from above. I know that God will supply All good things from His bountiful store, I know that He will direct me To Truth and Love's open door; And at this fount of true being, I'll stand at His side evermore. God's child can never be weary, God's child must always be strong; Possessing all good from His Maker, He praises his God with a song*

● **Guide Me (2015)**

Music by Greg Granoff

Lyrics by Steve Okwor

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1381>

Lyricist Steve Okwor's words are filled with simple devotion and gratitude that inspired beautifully tuneful setting with a distinctly Celtic feel.

**Lyrics:** *Father God, I come to You as a child, Lead me, my foolish ways do chide. My heart longs for You, Lord, with You alone all good abides! What would I be Without my roots in Thee? To act by might is vain without my Lord beside me! Mother, Your Love is active and alive. Comfort and enlighten my life! Your gentleness leads me to Your perfect ways, free of any strife! So shall the Truth, light of the noon, Keep my steps steady and in tune, As on the heavenly way my heart is fixed, and with God commune!*

● **I Have Called You By Name (2015)**

Music and Lyrics by Kimberly Stephenson, James E. Garcia

Source: Isaiah 43:1

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1395>

This sweet, peaceful solo has a flowing accompaniment that supports the text beautifully. As a whole, this song tenderly tells of God's love for and patience with His children.

**Lyrics:** *I have called you by name, "You are my child." I have called you by name, "Won't you please trust me?" I am your Lord, you are my child, give me your trust. I have called you by name, "Please let me hold you." I have called you by name, "Come, I will heal you." I am your Lord, I'll hold you close, I'll heal your soul. I know how heavy your load, I know your lists are so long And I know how easy it'd be to give in. I know how great is your task, I know how precious your time, Still, I have called you, called you by name, please let me in. I have called you by name. I am your Lord and I will wait, Please let me in.*

● **Love's Embrace (2013)**

Music and Lyrics by April Brahinsky

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1218>

Contemporary and fairly easy, this solo has a lilting melody in 3/4 with a broken chord accompaniment. It's charming in its simplicity and has outstanding words on God's love for His creation.