SONG OF LIBERATION

Refrain
Shout to every nation!
Proclaim integrity and liberation!
Feed the hungry wherever they may be and let the oppressed go free, free, free!

Verses
You shall be called rebuilder of ruins, make old foundations rise up strong.
Mender of breaches, the Lord will be your song. Refrain
You shall be like a well-watered garden, a spring whose waters won’t run dry, giving relief to desert wastes that cry. Refrain
Your light shall rise like dawn in the darkness, and all your shadows shall shine like noon.
All of your wounds will feel his healing soon. Refrain
Justice and peace will go then before you, God’s glory following close behind, swiftly responding, “I’m here, not hard to find.” Refrain

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JERUSALEM
Jerusalem, why are your walls so high?
Why do you wait at each guarded gate and cry?
When will your cherished ones, your sturdy young sons cease to die?
Jerusalem, destined to rise and fall.
City of gold, you never grow old at all.
You laugh at the years, encircling your fears with a wall.
Jerusalem, shaped by a shared dream, guardian of dreams each new day redeems again;
so weary and worn, you shall be reborn, but when?
Jerusalem, surely your pain will cease.
You will be free simply to be at peace, to silence your guns and let all your sons increase.
Jerusalem, we who have met you can never let you die.
Such love did beget you, if I should forget you, may my love be withered and dry! Jerusalem, cry! One day you will dance and know why.

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SONG OF SONGS
Here is the sign I give to you,
sign of the life I will live with you,
sign of our covenant, that you recall
Love linked to love linking one and all:
Come, come, my beloved, winter is over the rains are done.
Come, welcome to laughter, to love ever after, we run, we run, we run.

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HOW SHALL I SING

Refrain
How shall I sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?
What can I say? How shall I pray? Who, who’ll understand?

Verses
Gone are the songs. Gone is the dancing.
All that remains, so it seems, is the pain of the promise and our dreams. Refrain
We hung up our harps. We silenced our music until our chains and the sword give way to the day of the Lord. Refrain

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PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Refrain
Peace, like a river, flowing down from the Giver of peace.
Live her! Love her! Come down!

Verses
In anguish, in sorrow, in the throes of giving birth, but maybe tomorrow, the joy of peace on earth. Refrain
Her full breasts will nourish the child in the night.
The dry bones will flourish, rejoicing at the sight of …Refrain

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LOVING YOU
Loving You is wind on water, turbulence and storm.
Loneliness laced with laughter, winter into warm.
Loving You is sometimes sunshine even when it’s raining.
Loving You means moving on, part of me remaining.
I’ll see You in a million faces before my journey’s through,
follow You to a million places for a trace of You.
You’re testing me at every turning, where I taste Your love anew.
There’s nothing lost, it’s just the cost of loving You.
Nothing lost, it’s the cost of loving You.
Loving You means no returning, always letting go, starting over, ever learning, how well I know.
The One I love is all around me in all the love I’m feeling.
God above, let this love be Your own love’s revealing.
I hear You reaching out to me in every anguished cry, tempting me to stop awhile and watch the seasons by.
As I go, I’ll go on living, even as I die.
There’s nothing lost, it’s just the cost of loving You.
Nothing lost, it’s the cost of loving You, nothing lost, just the cost of loving You.

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HOW LOVELY

Refrain
How lovely is Your dwelling place.
I’m longing to look upon Your face someday.

Verses
I long for the Lord,
my heart and flesh cry out for the Distant One.
Strong in the Lord,
the pilgrim in journeying, turning to flowing springs,
dry ways, highways, my ways of life. Refrain
How welcome the nest,
a place to root and rest for the brooding bird.
Welcome the nest,
prepared by the Lord for me, haven, security.
Sing praise, always, who dwell in Him. Refrain
One day with the Lord
is better than a thousand other days.
Trust in the Lord.
Such blessings He holds in store, I’ll wait beside His door.
Time spent in sin’s tent cannot compare. Refrain

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How lovely is Your dwelling place.
I’m longing to look upon Your face someday.

SUN, SAND, AND SILENCE

Refrain
Sun, sand, and silence. Deep flow the days.
High the mountain’s summit. Mysterious its ways.

Verses
Where the time flows on forever,
across the faceless land.
Long the climb to the haven’s rest,
but strong the helping hand. Refrain
Where the water springs from dryness
in a cooling, sweet surprise,
and the happy heart goes dancing on,
while the hungering spirit cries. Refrain
Where the burning sun seems endless,
Love shelters you from harm,
and sends the night to comfort you,
cradled in its arm. Refrain

Refrain
How welcome the nest,
a place to root and rest for the brooding bird.
Welcome the nest,
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DAY OF JUSTICE

Refrain
The spirit of the living God has anointed me.
Name a year of favor. Set the people free.
Proclaim a day of justice and of liberty.

Verses
Let good news be spoken to the poor.
Bind up hearts that are broken. Help the weak to endure,
and feed the flocks. Refrain
Let all those in sadness be reborn.
Clothe in garments of gladness, comfort all those who mourn.
Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord! Refrain
In peace and blessing the poor will stand.
The homeless will repossess the promise of the land,
and rise up in praise. Rise up in praise! Refrain

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HAPPY THE PEOPLE

Refrain
Happy the people whose God is the Lord.
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Verses
He hears the cry of the burdened.
He knows the needs of the poor.
He heals the brokenhearted,
lets the fearful feel secure. Refrain
When worries are overwhelming,
when nothing at all goes as planned,
the stillness of His presence
can calm a trembling hand. Refrain
His anger lasts but a moment.
His favor flows without end.
He is a rock, a fortress,
a faithful but difficult friend. Refrain

Refrain
How lovely is Your dwelling place.
I’m longing to look upon Your face someday.

LIVING WATER

Part One
Living water in the desert, in the desert, hard to find.
Living water, wash the desert, wash the desert of my mind.
Still the thirst and chill the fever, source of strength, unfailing spring.
Cool and comfort the believer in the shadow of Your wing.

Part Two
Living water, cool and kind.
Heal my heart and mend my mind.
Cool and cleanse, unfailing spring.
Cool and comforting Your wing.

Part Three
Living water, living water, living water, cool and kind.
Healing water, healing water, healing water, heal my mind.
Cooling water, cooling water, cooling water, cooling spring:
cool and comfort, cool and comfort, cool and comfort everything.

BE RECONCILED

Refrain
Be reconciled, one with another.
God is our Father.
We are brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Verses
We long for one world, linked hand in hand,
no one a stranger, no foreign land. Refrain
When one is hurting, all feel the pain.
Share then the freedom! Share then the gain! Refrain
Work for a future when war will cease,
when we’ll be one world living in peace. Refrain

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