

SONGS of

PEACE and PRAISE

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GREAT DAY OF GOD.

1. Great day of God, long looked for,
Thy dawn we do proclaim.
Great day when ev'ry nation
Shall praise His holy name.
Great day of resurrection,
Of unity and love,
Soon bright in all its splendour
Thy Sun shall shine above.
3. Great Day of the unveiling,
Of Truth's Deep mysteries,
When every hidden secret
Of earth and sky and seas,
In all their wondrous beauty,
To man shall be revealed;
Nor can an act or motive
By man now be concealed.
2. Great day of Might and Power,
Of Knowledge and of Light,
No clouds of superstition
Can now bedim our sight.
Great Day, when God, the Father,
Is known o'er all the earth,
And to His whole creation
Hath given a new birth.
4. Great Day of God, All glorious,
Great Day of Peace, so blest;
The thought of Thee brings gladness,
And dilates every breast.
Great day of one religion,
When all are understood;
One faith in Life Eternal,
One God, one Brotherhood.

"Let not a man glory in that he loves his country,
Let him rather glory in that he loves his kind."

- Baha'u'llah.

Hymn of Praise.

We praise Thee O God,
Thou Father of pure Light,
Of Knowledge and Wisdom,
Of Justice and Right.
Thy Word of Might and Power
Which sets the captive free
To man now is given
In all its purity.

We praise Thee O God,
Thou Father of us all,
O may we ever hear
Thy sweet melodious call.
All Truth now may be ours
And living waters free
If we but look with faith
Alone O God to Thee.

We praise Thee O God,
Thou Father of pure Love,
With joy we lift our hearts
And join the hosts above.
An anthem sweet of praise
Creation now doth sing
To Thee loving Father
And everlasting King.

"Ye are the fruit of one tree, the leaves
of one branch. Deal ye with one another
with utmost love and harmony."

The Greatest Name.

With joyful hearts we do proclaim,
 The power of the Greatest Name;
 To-day for ever-more the same:
 ALLAH-U-ABHA.

Great name that is a shining light
 To lead us onward through the night;
 Dispelling darkness by it's might:
 ALLAH-U-ABHA.

Let nations rise from shore to shore,
 And sing it over o'er and o'er;
 Then wars shall cease forevermore:
 ALLAH-U-ABHA.

Great Name of joy, of peace, and rest;
 That fills with harmony each breast;
 It's glory shines from east to west:
 ALLAH-U-ABHA.

Repeat it, and it reaches far;
 From world to world and star to star;
 Naught can its glorious radiance mar:
 ALLAH-U-ABHA.

Great Name we love more every day,
 To say it over is to pray,
 And angels listen and obey:
 ALLAH-U-ABHA.

Its rhythm swings from pole to pole;
 Its music soon shall fill each soul;
 And heavens scroll shall backward roll:
 ALLAH-U-ABHA.

ALLAH-U-ABHA! Let it ring
 Up to the throne of God, our King;
 Let men and angels joyous sing:
 ALLAH-U-ABHA.

Awake Ye Nations All.

Awake ye nations all
 Let cruel war now cease,
 This is the day for unity
 The day for love and peace,
 Spend no more time in strife
 But hear that clarion call,
 Which cometh forth from God above
 The Father of us all.

He calls in mighty tones
 Awake and hear His voice,
 He bids us all as brothers one
 With hearts that do rejoice,
 To gather round His board
 And of the feast partake,
 Drink deeply of the wine of Love
 The bread of Peace now break,

Awake ye nations all
 Awake and see the light,
 Which shineth o'er the mountain tops
 Dispelling discords night,
 Awake and sing aloud
 Your praises now increase,
 The knowledge of our God as One
 Brings universal Peace.

(The last two lines of each verse
 are repeated.)

"The root of all knowledge is knowledge of God,
 Glory be to Him! and this knowledge is im-
 possible save through His Manifestation."

- Baha'u'llah.

The Day of Certainty.

Rejoice, rejoice believers,
The night of doubt is o'er,
The Sun of truth has risen
It's rays reach every shore.

Doubt's shadows now with night must
flee,
This is the day of CERTAINTY.

Rejoice, rejoice believers,
As children of the King
Give forth His Proclamation
Let every nation sing.

Rejoice, rejoice believers,
For Knowledge, Faith, and Love
Falls o'er God's whole creation
Like sweet dews from above.

Rejoice, rejoice believers,
With banners white unfurled
Whereon sweet Peace is written.
Yea peace to all the world.

"Now in this world of being, the Hand of Divine Power hath firmly laid the foundations of this all-highest Bounty and this wondrous Gift. Gradually whatsoever is latent in the innermost of this Holy Cycle shall appear and be manifest, for now is but the beginning of its growth and the dayspring of the revelation of its signs. Ere the close of this Century and of this Age, it shall be made clear and manifest how wondrous was that Springtide and how heavenly was that Gift."

- 'Abdu'l-Baha.

Tell the Wondrous Story.

Tell the wondrous story,
Tell it near and far
Of the loving Father,
Of Baha'u'llah.
Tell it ever tell it
That all men may know,
Now has come God's Kingdom
On this earth below.

Tell the wondrous story,
Tell it near and far
Of the loving Father,
Of BAHA'U'LLAH.

He has come as promised,
He the Prince of Peace,
Come in might and power,
And all strife must cease.
He has come in glory,
Darkness now must flee.
Father of all nations
We will tell of Thee.

"O friends! Consort with all the people
of the world with love and fragrance.
Fellowship is the cause of unity, and
unity is the source of order in the world.
Blessed are they who are kind and serve
with love."

- Baha'u'llah.

Anthem of all Nations.

O God of ev'ry nation,
 We turn our hearts to Thee.
 Within Thy love is safety
 Is ~~Peace~~ and liberty.
 For love alone can conquer
 The strife within each breast,
 And bind with ties eternal
 Thy sons of East and West.

O Truce of God enduring,
 Come Thou to all the world,
 And may Thy flag of beauty
 In each land be unfurled.
 A covenant proclaiming
 That cruel war has ceased,
 Beloved by all Thy children,
 Thy spotless flag of Peace.

O God of ev'ry nation,
 Thou father of us all,
 Let now Thy Benediction
 Upon each country fall.

With Wide division ending
 May ev'ry voice now ring,
 And in love tones exultant
 One nation's anthem sing.

"We desire but the good of the world and the happiness of the nations; that all nations shall become one in faith, and all men as brothers, that the bonds of affection between the sons of men shall be strengthened, that diversity of religion shall cease, and differences of race be annulled. So it shall be. These fruitless strifes, these ruinous wars shall pass away, and the "Most Great Peace" shall come."

- Baha'u'llah.

Benediction.

"Sing this melody in all gatherings
of Love and Harmony of the beloved
of God." - 'Abdu'l-Baha.

May God's love now hover o'er us
As a dove with out-stretched wings
While His peace that flows around us
To each heart sweet comfort brings.
May we now receive His spirit
And its radiance shed afar
Now and here in Love abiding
In the realms of EL-AB-HA.

"O Son of Being! My love is my stronghold;
he that entereth therein is safe and secure,
and he that turneth away shall surely stray
and perish."

- Baha'u'llah.

"The gift of God to this enlightened age is
the knowledge of the oneness of mankind and
the fundamental oneness of religion."

- 'Abdu'l-Baha.

