

# Community Song Book

(From *Ruhí Book 3, Grade 1*)

## My First Counsel

C C/B Am C/B

O Son of Spirit!

C C/B Am C/B

O Son of Spirit!

F G

My first counsel is this

F G

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F G C Am

Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart

F G C Am

That thine may be a sovereignty

F G C C/B Am C/B

Ancient, imperishable and everlasting

F G C

Ancient, imperishable

## A Noble Way

D  
Justice is a noble way  
A                                   D  
Justice brings a brighter day  
   G                                   D  
A light to those in need  
A                                   D  
Shining through good deeds  
   D     A     D  
Oh, justice is the way

   D  
We know 'Abdu'l-Bahá would share  
A                                   D  
Showing love and showing care  
   G                                   D  
He was content with less  
   A                                   D  
In order to bring happiness  
   D     A     D  
He was content with less

D  
To be just we have to give  
A                                   D  
Share our love and joy to live  
   G                                   D  
Sharing blessings we receive  
   A                                   D  
A better world we will achieve  
   D     A     D  
Oh, justice is the way

## Love, Love, Love

C F  
Love, love, love, love  
G7 C  
Love your fellow man  
C Em Am  
Love, love, love is

D7 G7  
How the world began  
C F  
God loved creation  
D7 G7  
So He created thee to  
C F  
Love, love, love Him  
G7 C  
And humanity

Love, love, love the  
Everlasting good  
Love, love, love the  
Seed of brotherhood  
Love all creation  
For He created thee to  
Love, love, love Him  
And humanity

Love God's creatures  
Be they near or far  
See each human  
As a shining star  
Love all creation  
For He created thee to  
Love, love, love Him  
And humanity

## Truthful Words

G D  
A mirror that's covered up in dust  
A D  
Cannot reflect the sun's bright light  
G D  
A bird with wings all full of mud  
A7 D  
Is unable to take flight

CHORUS:

G D  
When all of our words are truthful  
A D  
Our souls are able to progress  
G D  
The foundation of all human virtues  
A7 D  
We know is truthfulness

G D  
A ship cannot catch the wind  
A D  
If it is using a torn sail  
G D  
Eyes can't see the path ahead  
A7 D  
If they are covered up in veils

CHORUS

## Fountain of Generosity

C  
Be a fountain, be a spring  
G  
Be an ever-flowing thing  
F C  
It is true that if you do  
Dm7 G7 C  
Happiness will come to you  
F C  
Search your heart every day  
D7 G7  
Is there something you can give away

Happiness should be your goal  
Give your heart, and give your soul  
It is true that if you do  
God will always be with you  
Search your heart every day  
Is there something you can give away

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## Prefer Your Brother

C G Am7 C  
I am thirsty, I am thirsty  
Dm G C Am7  
But my brother, he comes first

F Em Dm C  
So I offer him the water  
Dm G C  
That will quench his thirst

CHORUS:

F G C Am  
It is a blessing to prefer your brother  
F G C Am  
This is a way to show you care  
F G C Am  
It is a blessing to prefer your sister  
F G C G C  
You are richer, the more you share

I am hungry, I am hungry  
And my sister, she is too  
So I give her some of my food  
That's what's best to do

CHORUS

## Joy Gives Us Wings

D A7 D G D  
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings  
D A7 D A D  
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

A D  
In times of joy, our strength grows in might  
A D  
In times of joy, our intellect takes flight  
A D  
In times of joy, our understanding is bright  
D A7 D A D  
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm  
But when sadness visits us, when sadness visits us  
A Dm A Dm  
We become weak, our strength goes away  
A Dm A Dm  
Our insights are dim, our thoughts become gray  
A7  
How-ev-er

Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings  
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings

In times of joy, our strength grows in might  
In times of joy, our intellect takes flight  
In times of joy, our understanding is bright  
Joy gives us wings to fly, joy gives us wings



## Yes I Believe You

G C G  
You tell me about this new Age  
D D7 G  
How thrilling the world ought to be  
G G7 C Am  
You tell me that mankind is one family  
D D7 G  
And that there is a way to world peace

CHORUS:

G D D7 G  
Yes I believe you, yes I believe you  
G G7 C Am  
Yes I believe you, I believe you  
D D7 G  
I believe you with all my heart

You talk of a new race of men  
People who have all their trust in God  
Men and women who are doing their best  
To bring divine unity to all

CHORUS

You say that the Glory of God  
Over a hundred years ago  
Came to fulfill all God's promises to man  
And usher in a new golden Age

CHORUS

## Be Like the Earth

C G  
See the earth  
F G C  
It's so humble

G  
Has all God's wealth to give  
F G C  
Everything we need to live  
C G  
Lets us walk on it every day  
F G C  
But have you ever heard it say  
G  
"I am richer  
F G C  
Greater than you"

See the tree  
It's so humble  
The more its fruits abound  
It bows closer to the ground  
And shares the fruit that way  
But have you ever heard it say  
"I am richer  
Greater than you"

C G  
Be like the earth  
F G C  
Be like the tree  
G  
Rise to the heaven of glory  
F G C  
On the wings of humility  
G  
Rise to the heaven of glory  
F G C  
On the wings of humility

## I Thank and Praise Thee Lord

C Am Em  
I thank and praise Thee Lord

F G  
For the crown of mercy

C Am  
Set upon my head

F C  
It will forever glow

G7 Am  
The more gratitude I show

Dm G7 C  
I thank and praise Thee Lord

I thank and praise Thee Lord  
For the love and knowledge  
Implanted in my heart  
They will grow and grow  
The more gratitude I show  
I thank and praise Thee Lord

I thank and praise Thee Lord  
For the light of truth  
That illumines my eyes  
I will see Thy bounties flow  
The more gratitude I show  
I thank and praise Thee Lord  
I thank and praise Thee Lord

## Looking for Good

C  
I've got excellence as my goal  
F7  
But I've got a long, long way to go  
C  
And I know it helps me on my way  
G7 C  
When I see the good in every day  
F7  
So if I see something you do wrong  
C  
I won't sing about it in this song  
G7  
I won't talk about it with my friends  
F7 C  
I won't even think about it again

### CHORUS:

F7  
I'll look at the good in you  
C  
I'll look at the good in you  
G7  
I know that you'd want me to  
F7  
'Cause that's what I'd want you to do  
F7  
And God looks for the good in me  
C Am  
He looks for the good in me  
C G  
And when I put a cover  
F7  
On those little faults of others  
C G7 C  
I hope God will put a cover on my faults too

'Abdu'l-Bahá was very wise  
He saw your heart inside your eyes  
And when He noticed something wrong  
He'd find some way to make you strong  
So if I find some fault in you  
I know just what I have to do  
I won't go tell anybody else  
No, I won't even tell myself

### CHORUS

## Truthfulness

C                      G                      D                      G  
Truthfulness is brighter than the light of the sun

C                      G                      D                      G  
Truthfulness is brighter than the light of the sun

C                      G                      D                      G  
With truthfulness, O people, beautify your tongues

C                      G                      D                      G  
With truthfulness, O people, beautify your tongues

Honesty adorns the soul of everyone  
Honesty adorns the soul of everyone  
Honesty is brighter than the light of the sun  
Honesty is brighter than the light of the sun

## Be Fair

CHORUS:

E7 A  
Be fair, be fair  
E7 A  
And strive to provide for the comfort of all  
A  
Be fair, be fair  
E7 A  
And strive to provide for the comfort of all

A E  
When we are fair in our dealings with others  
E7 A  
We gain the trust of our sisters and brothers  
A7 D  
When things are divided equitably  
E A  
Justice will shine for the world to see

CHORUS

When you give true comfort and aid  
You'll follow the path that the Master laid  
When wise and just in what you say and do  
You'll bring joy to hearts around you

CHORUS

## That Is How Bahá'is Should Be

C  
I love the Master  
G  
The Master loves me  
G7 C  
He shows me how Bahá'is should be  
Cmaj7 F D#dim  
Trusting in God faithfully  
G7 C  
That is how Bahá'is should be

I love the Master  
The Master loves me  
He shows me how Bahá'is should be  
Praying for guidance constantly  
That is how Bahá'is should be

I love the Master  
The Master loves me  
He shows me how Bahá'is should be  
God's Will, not my will, my prayer will be  
That is how Bahá'is should be

## Bestow Upon Me My Portion

CHORUS:

A D A  
Bestow upon me my portion

D A  
O Lord, O Lord

A D A  
Bestow upon me my portion

E A  
As it pleaseth Thee

A  
It's easy to be content

D A  
When things are going well

A  
It's easy to be content

E A  
When you're feeling swell

D A  
But what is really more challenging

E A A7  
Is to be content when things go wrong

D A  
To be patient in times of difficulty

E A  
Perhaps even sing a song

CHORUS

From the time He was a boy  
The Master suffered indignities  
From early in His life  
He hardly had any comfort or ease  
But He remained content and calm  
Never full of anxiety  
He trusted in God and accepted His Will  
Continued on ever patiently

CHORUS



## In Japan

D G D  
In Japan, Afghanistan, Peru and Zanzibar

D E7 A7  
With bongos and marimbas, banjos and guitar

D D7 G  
People are singing, haven't you heard

D G A7 D  
A new Day is dawning, we have brand new words

"The world is but one country," we're learning this today  
"And all mankind its citizens," these words will show the way  
For all of us to fully learn our talents and worth  
So we can build a new world order, here on earth

We have all been likened to leaves upon one tree  
Flowers in one garden, waves upon one sea  
Brilliant shining stars, radiant candles, rays of light  
Birds singing in the garden day and night

Make the nations one, let religions all agree  
Be occupied with service to all humanity  
Nothing less than unity can satisfy our minds  
So tell the world about the oneness of mankind

In Japan, Afghanistan, Peru and Zanzibar  
With bongos and marimbas, banjos and guitar  
People are singing, haven't you heard  
A new Day is dawning, we have brand new words

## Source of Courage

CHORUS:

Am  
The source of courage and power  
Dm E Am  
Is the promotion of the Word of God  
Am  
The source of courage and power  
Dm E Am  
Is steadfastness in His love

G  
Forget about yourself  
C  
Stand up for what is right  
E7  
Defend those in need  
Am  
Rely upon His might

Teach the Word of God  
Be courageous in your deeds  
Follow His path  
To happiness it leads

CHORUS

## There's a New Wind Blowin'

CHORUS:

          G          F  G F G          F  G  F  
There's a new wind blowin' across the sea  
          G          F  G F G          F  G  F  
There's a new wind blowin' a callin' me  
          B $\flat$   G          B $\flat$   G          B $\flat$   G B $\flat$   G  
It's a new way for a new Day, gonna set all men free

                  C          D  
It makes you strong as a mountain  
          C          D  
You move like the sea  
          C          D  
With wings like a bird flying  
          C          F  D  D7  
Through eternity

CHORUS

It sings of love and one world  
And one mankind  
With no more war we will  
All have peace of mind

CHORUS

## Busy Hands

CHORUS:

C                    F  
Busy hands make happy children

C                    G  
Happy children can be found

C                    F  
Making other people happy

C            F            G            C  
Spreading peace and love around

C                    F  
Working hands to build a new world

C                    G  
Everybody has a role

C                    F  
All of us can be so thankful

C            F                    G            C  
For we soon shall reach our goal

CHORUS

God will help us build a new world  
Where we all help someone else  
All of us will love our neighbour  
More than we love our own selves

CHORUS (*with last line repeated*)

## Look at Me

C

Look at Me

F

Follow Me

G7 C

Be as I am

F G C

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Teach the Faith

Follow Me

Be as I am

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Serve your Lord

Follow Me

Be as I am

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Love mankind

Follow Me

Be as I am

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Look at Me

Follow Me

Be as I am

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

## Siyahamba

D G D  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

A D  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

D G D  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

A D  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

G D  
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba

A7 D D7  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

G D  
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba

A7 D  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God

We are marching, marching  
We are marching, marching  
We are marching in the light of God

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos  
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

We are singing as one family  
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We are singing as one family  
We are singing as one family

Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos  
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos

## I Want to Be Happy

Am  
There is something you must know  
E7  
In this Faith we have to show  
Dm  
We are men of deeds, not of words  
Am E7 Am  
Our very life should show our Faith to friend and foe

CHORUS:

Am  
I want to be happy  
Am  
I want to be strong  
Am  
To be His servant  
Am  
My whole life long  
Dm Am  
So, I must obey the laws of God  
E7 Am  
Yes, I must obey the laws of God

There is something you must know  
In this world of pomp and show  
People are tired of empty speech  
They want to see you practice what you teach

CHORUS



## Patience

D A  
Your legs are getting tired  
A D  
And the road is very long, long, long  
D A  
You want to give up trying  
A D  
And the sun is beating strong  
G D  
No sense gettin' impatient  
G D  
It's useless if you cry  
G D  
If you take it step by step  
A D  
The time goes rushing by

### CHORUS:

G D  
Patience is the answer  
G D  
When you're sad and blue  
G D  
Patience is rewarded  
A D  
It brings happiness to you

A  
It's easy to be content  
D A  
When things are going well  
A  
It's easy to be content  
E A  
When you're feeling swell  
D A  
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Continued on ever patiently

#### CHORUS

## We Are the People of Bahá

D

We are the people of Bahá

D

We are the people of Bahá

G

We are the people of

D

We are the people of

A7

D

We are the people of Bahá

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá

We are the people of

We are the people of

We are the people of Bahá

Firmly we walk the path of God

Firmly we walk the path of God

Until the very last

We will be steadfast

Firmly we walk the path of God