



Solo Thoughts

December 2017

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Solo Treasures

A Research Tool

for Soloists, Instrumentalists and Music Committees
in Christian Science Churches

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NEW VOCAL SOLO TITLES!

Here are the Newest Hot-Off-The-Press
Digital Sheet Music Titles at WFM:

Peter Link

[Beautiful](#)

[Consider the Lilies](#)

[In Praise](#)

[Live In Peace](#)

[The Daily Prayer](#)

[Thy Faith Hath Made Thee Whole](#)

[Words Upon The Wall](#)

Jennifer Nubel

[Seek Ye The Truth](#)

Lea Schmidt-Rogers

[How Excellent Is Thy Name](#)

John F. Wilson

[Brood O'er Us](#)

[Christmas Gifts](#)

[On Waking](#)

[So Sure Am I](#)

[What Shall I Render?](#)

[O Gentle Presence](#)

[Praise \(My Voice Shalt Thou Hear in the Morning, O Lord\)](#)

[Teach Me to Love](#)
[The Beatitudes](#)
[The Lord Is My Shepherd](#)

**More Recent Additions to Watchfire Music's
Sacred Song Catalogue:**

Peter B. Allen

[Christ My Refuge](#)
[Speak Gently](#)
[The Song of Soul](#)

Greg Granoff

[Christmas Morn \(New Setting\)](#)
[The Water of Meribah](#)

Austin C. Lovelace

[Christmas Trumpets](#)
[Faith Is](#)
[In the Bleak Midwinter](#)
[Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence](#)
[My Morning Song](#)
[O Love That Casts Out Fear](#)
[Search Me, O God](#)
[Sing a New Song!](#)
[Still, Still, Still](#)
[Than Eye Hath Seen](#)

[The Holy Child](#)
[The Lord My Shepherd Is](#)
[The Love of God](#)
[Though I Lift Mine Eyes](#)
[What Is This Lovely Fragrance?](#)

Elizabeth Ragsdale

[Tithe of Gratitude](#)

Katrina Wylie

[Christ My Refuge](#)

And Organ/Keyboard Titles

from these WFM Composers:

April Brahinsky

Daniel Burton

Simon Clark

Ron Di Salvio

Susan Lindquist

Deborah Offenhauser

Elizabeth Ragsdale

Lea Schmidt-Rogers

Nicholas Schliapin

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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:

1. Open this pdf in Adobe Reader, and go to the top nav bar where you see "Adobe Reader" listed at the top far left of your screen. Look to the right of that.
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 music search with Solo Thoughts!

Solo Thoughts News and Notes

4th Quarter 2017 Q&A

Coming Fall 2017:

Our all new, up-to-date, completely mobile-compatible website!

We'll announce the launch date soon, but in the meantime, please know that we are in the finishing phase of development.

Some things will look different, but we believe that your new browsing, searching and purchasing experience will be intuitive and easy to navigate. We'll also be there to help you feel comfortable on the new site. We'll keep you posted!

From the WFM Support Team:

Audio Samples on your Computer and Mobile Devices

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.

Also, we have found a further set of instructions given by Adobe Flash Player. Click on this article, and you will be able to go into your browser's preferences as per these instructions:

<https://helpx.adobe.com/flash-player.html>

Also, check to make sure that your Java Script (which enables streaming) **is turned on** in your settings

In summary, check your volume, make sure it is not on mute; update your browser and possibly update Flash. Then check your settings in preference (as per the link above) — and finally click on the "Listen to Sample" button. As a final check, click the "Buy Sheet Music" button if you are on a composer page, and then click the "Listen to Sample" button there.

We will be rolling out our new website this fall, and we deeply appreciate your patience with us as we bridge over to the new and current technology.

We hope that this is helpful!

Wishing you all the best,
WFM Support

To access these instructions online, [click here](#).

Solo Thoughts Song Titles

Q: *Why do we sometimes see song titles posted more than once in a quarter, or in consecutive quarters -- 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 CSPS, 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'll always work to keep the posting as close to 5 to 6 weeks in advance as possible.

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

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 this research tool. 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,
*The Solo Thoughts Editors
and the Watchfire Music Team*

Date: December 3, 2017

Subject: God the Only Cause and Creator

Solo Categories:

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Solos: Overall Theme

● A Beautiful Day (2013)

Music by Arlene Pourroy
Lyrics by Steve Okwor
Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1231>

This easy solo is joyful and humorous, and has a delightful melody accompanied by variations on a basic musical figure.

Lyrics: If I had a say on a beautiful day like this Filled with merriment and cheerful delight, I would say, Let the rain and the mist and the fog Disappear into darkness and marry the night. And there by the river let the sleepless frog Croak endlessly for the sun and daylight. But knowing sometimes all nature without a doubt Needs the rain for dew and the sunshine that warms: Where life rains love and tolerance, joy is sure to sprout. Who would want more, being cradled in Love's arms.

● Behold I Send an Angel (1999)

Music and Lyrics by Michael Head
Source: Ex 23: 20-23,25; Isa 42: 16; Isa 57: 19
Listen to MP3: <http://www.vocal-works.com/sounds/Solo%20bank/110106DG.mp3>
Shippable Hard Copy: http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/sacred-solos-old-and-new-book-2-sheet-music/3202038?aff_id453475

This lovely solo has interesting harmonies and is moderately difficult with the elegance that characterizes Michael Head's music.

Lyrics: Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, And to bring thee into the place which I have prepared, To bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice. And I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, An adversary unto thine adversaries. And I will take sickness away from the midst of thee, And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and the crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. Peace, peace to him that is far off and to him that is near, saith the Lord, and I will heal him. Behold I send an angel before thee, To keep thee in the way, And to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

● He Sent His Word (2000) [Solo Treasure]

Music and Lyrics by Edythe F. Anderson
Source: Ps 107: 1,4-7,14,20

This traditional solo is moderately difficult for the soloist and somewhat more so for the accompanist, with arpeggios and triplet patterns. POP.

Lyrics: *He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and the shadow of death. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in, they found no city to dwell in. They wandered in the wilderness, They wandered in a solitary way; Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them; they found no city to dwell in, they found no city to dwell in. They wandered, They wandered Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them. He led them out of the wilderness, He led them forth by the right way. They found a city to dwell in, They found a city to dwell in, O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: O give thanks unto the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord, for his mercy endureth forever. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and delivered them from their destructions.*

● **How Great Thou Art (2013)**

Music by Carolyn Kardinal, Carolyn Kardinal

Lyrics by Hine/Kardinal

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1150>

This is a fresh, new arrangement of How Great Thou Art, with Lyrics about spiritual creation and reality. A second version is available with obligato for C instrument and simpler keyboard accompaniment, and it's also available for vocal and keyboard without obligato.

Lyrics: *O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hands have made. I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder. Thy power throughout the universe displayed. (Chorus) Then sings my soul in praise, my God, to Thee. How great Thou art! How great Thou art! I lift my voice in grateful acclamation that Thou maintain the universe and man, and each idea throughout Thy vast creation reflects the light of Thy unfolding plan. (chorus) I touch the Christ. Suddenly I see clearly that all is held in perfect harmony. Thy changeless Truth I've learned to trust so dearly reveals Thy love and pure reality. (chorus)*

● **One Word (2012)**

Music by Jay and Tessa Frost

Lyrics by Tessa E.B. Frost

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=1091>

This easy, sweet and gentle solo expresses the awe of the angels at Jesus' birth. It builds to strong declaration of the Christ's fulfillment of the Bible's promises to all.

Lyrics: *I know why sweet angels sang that quiet night When Jesus, the babe, was born No words to honor the Son of man, the love of God, but one A simple, rich, holy sound, of promises kept, of life unbound! Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Come to destroy the works of a lie Raise the dead, open our eyes! Come through the night, no matter how far God's Christ, Love's bright star! Alleluia! We, too, must be of God's eloquent design Of Spirit, of One infinite Mind Oh, the word of Truth revealed in heaven here and now A simple, rich, holy sound, of promises kept, of life unbound! Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Come to destroy the works of a lie Raise the dead, open our eyes! Christ, Truth, spiritual man Voicing good in all the land! Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia*

● **Picture of God (2005)**

Music by Mindy Jostyn

Lyrics by Mindy Jostyn and Jacob Brackman

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <http://www.watchfiremusic.com/song.php?smid=903>

CD: <http://watchfiremusic.com/album.php?dcid=7>