



# Solo Thoughts

2nd Quarter 2018

with

*Solo Treasures*

**A Research Tool**

for Soloists, Instrumentalists and Music Committees  
in Christian Science Churches

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# New Music Update

## NEW COMPOSER!

WFM welcomes Peter J. Hodgson  
and His Digital Sheet Music Catalogue!

<https://watchfiremusic.com/profile/peter-j-hodgson/>

## NEW VOCAL SOLO TITLES!

75 New DSM Titles  
From 17 Composers  
Presented In Alphabetical Order by Title:

*(Watch for these in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Solo Thoughts and future issues!)*

Awake to the Truth -- Carolyn Kardinal

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/awake-to-the-truth/>

Be Still My Heart -- John F. Wilson

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/be-still-my-heart-2/>

Beautiful -- Peter Link

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/beautiful/>

Brood O'er Us -- John F. Wilson

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/brood-oer-us/>

Christ My Refuge -- Katrina Wylie

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/christ-my-refuge-12/>

Christ My Refuge (new) -- Peter B. Allen

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/christ-my-refuge-new/>

Christmas Gifts -- John F. Wilson

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/christmas-gifts/>

Christmas Morn (New Setting) -- Greg Granoff

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/christmas-morn-new-setting/>

Consider the Lilies -- Peter Link

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/consider-the-lilies/>

Create in Me a Clean Heart -- John F. Wilson

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/create-clean-heart/>

Day by Day the Manna Fell -- Peter J. Hodgson

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/day-day-manna-fell/>

Give It Away -- Elizabeth Ragsdale

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/give-it-away/>

God Hath Rolled the Stone Away -- Peter Link

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/god-hath-rolled-the-stone-away/>

God's Healing Power -- Deborah Offenhauser

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/gods-healing-power/>

How Excellent Is Thy Name -- Lea Schmidt-Rogers

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/how-excellent-is-thy-name/>

I Am Here -- Peter Link

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/i-am-here/>

I Will Praise Thee with My Whole Heart -- Frank La Forge

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/i-will-praise-thee-with-my-whole-heart/>

I Will Shine -- Elizabeth Ragsdale

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/i-will-shine/>

In Heavenly Love Abiding -- Peter J. Hodgson

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/heavenly-love-abiding/>

In Praise -- Peter Link

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/in-praise/>

In Thee, O Spirit, True and Tender -- Peter J. Hodgson

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/thee-o-spirit-true-tender/>

It Matters Not -- John F. Wilson

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/it-matters-not/>

Lead, Kindly Light -- Elizabeth Ragsdale

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/lead-kindly-light-2/>

Let Us Rise -- Elizabeth Ragsdale

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/let-us-rise/>

Live in Peace -- Peter Link

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/live-in-peace/>

Love Your Way Through -- April Brahinsky

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/love-your-way-through/>

O Dreamer, Leave Thy Dreams -- Peter J. Hodgson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/o-dreamer-leave-thy-dreams/>

O Gentle Presence -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/o-gentle-presence-5/>

O Praise the Lord -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/o-praise-lord/>

On Waking -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/on-waking/>

Peace Be Still -- Peter Link  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/peace-be-still/>

Praise (My Voice Shalt Thou Hear in the Morning, O Lord) -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/praise-my-voice-shalt-thou-hear-in-the-morning-o-lord/>

Praise Ye the Lord -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/praise-ye-lord/>

Pray With Me -- Lew Doty  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/pray-with-me-2/>

Prosperity -- Peter Link  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/prosperity/>

Psalms 100 -- Peter J. Hodgson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/psalm-100/>

Psalms 23 -- Peter J. Hodgson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/psalm-23-7/>

Psalms 37 -- Peter J. Hodgson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/psalm-37/>

Psalms 92 -- Peter J. Hodgson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/psalm-92/>

Psalms 98 -- Peter J. Hodgson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/psalm-98/>

Rhythm of the Lord -- Lew Doty  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/rhythm-of-the-lord-2/>

Seek Ye the Truth -- Jennifer Nubel  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/seek-ye-the-truth/>

So Sure Am I -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/so-sure-am-i/>

Solos For Sunday Morning DSM Bundle -- Peter Link  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/solos-for-sunday-morning-dsm-bundle/>

Soul's Art Healing You -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/souls-art-healing/>

Speak Gently -- Peter B. Allen  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/speak-gently-2/>

Standing in the Need of Prayer -- Elizabeth Ragsdale  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/standing-need-prayer/>

Teach Me to Love -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/teach-me-to-love-3/>

Than Eye Hath Seen -- Austin C. Lovelace  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/than-eye-hath-seen/>

Thanks Be to God -- Jeanne Alden Joy  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/thanks-be-to-god/>

Thanksgiving -- April Brahinsky  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/thanksgiving-3/>

The Beatitudes -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/the-beatitudes-4/>

The Daily Prayer -- Peter Link  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/the-daily-prayer/>

The Lord Is My Shepherd -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/the-lord-is-my-shepherd-5/>

The Lord My Shepherd Is -- Austin C. Lovelace  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/the-lord-my-shepherd-is/>

The Love of God -- Austin C. Lovelace  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/the-love-of-god/>

The Master's Way -- Elizabeth Ragsdale  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/the-masters-way/>

The Song of Soul -- Peter B. Allen  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/the-song-of-soul/>

The Water of Meribah -- Greg Granoff  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/the-water-of-meribah/>

The Wisemen's Gifts -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/the-wisemens-gifts/>

They Who Seek the Throne of Grace -- Peter J. Hodgson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/seek-throne-grace/>

Think of the Wonder -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/think-of-the-wonder/>

This Is My Commandment -- Peter Link  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/this-is-my-commandment/>

This Very Hour -- Elizabeth Ragsdale  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/this-very-hour/>

Though I Lift Mine Eyes -- Austin C. Lovelace  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/though-i-lift-mine-eyes/>

Three Sayings of Jesus -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/three-sayings-jesus/>

Thy Faith Hath Made Thee Whole -- Peter Link  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/thy-faith-hath-made-thee-whole/>

To Carry On -- Peter Link  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/to-carry-on/>

Trust the Eternal -- Peter J. Hodgson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/trust-the-eternal-2/>

Wake from Your Dream -- Elizabeth Ragsdale  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/wake-from-your-dream/>

What Eye Beholds the Spring? -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/eye-beholds-spring/>

What Shall I Render? -- John F. Wilson  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/what-shall-i-render/>

When from the Lips of Truth -- Keith Crosby Brown  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/when-from-the-lips-of-truth/>

Words Upon the Wall -- Peter Link  
<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/words-upon-the-wall/>

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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:

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/apple-of-my-eye/>

## 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:

<https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/peter-and-john/>

CD: <https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/albums/coming-home/>

*Enjoy your inspired music search with Solo Thoughts!*



# Solo Thoughts News and Notes

## 2nd Quarter 2018 Q&A

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### *FAQ on Watchfiremusic.com*

*Q: How do I find answers to my questions about Watchfire Music's website?*

*A: The first way is to check out the FAQ section of the website. We continue to post new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about many aspects of our site, including site search, navigation, purchasing and downloading sheet music and more.*

You will find the **FAQ link** listed in the top right of every page on our site. Here's the link: <https://watchfiremusic.com/faq/>

You can also send us an email from our Contact Page on the site:

<https://watchfiremusic.com/contact/> . We work hard to get back to you within 24 to 48 hours, and we'll even schedule a phone call with you if you request to speak with a member of our Customer Support.

### *Download Limits on your Digital Purchases at WFM*

*Q: I ordered a digital download solo. When I received notification of my purchase, I wondered what this meant: "Downloads remaining 10 & expires May 2/18?"*

*A: The "downloads remaining" number is the number of times you can download the solo from our website onto your computer. The expiration date is the point after which you will no longer be able to download the solo from our website.*

We give you multiple download attempts within a 3-month period to insure that you are able to properly access your purchase. If you're having issues with successfully downloading and have run out of download attempts, you can send us a support email. We'll reset your downloads and help you with the issue preventing you from being able to download it. However, you must do this within the 3-month period.

*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 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'll always work to keep the posting as close to 5 to 6 weeks in advance as possible.

### *Solo Treasures*

*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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### ***The New Watchfire Music Website Update:***

We are pleased to report that our customer service inquiries needing technical help to navigate the new site have dropped by 75% since the launch of our new platform for [watchfiremusic.com](http://watchfiremusic.com)!

We believe that the new site has created a more intuitive experience for the majority of you, our loyal customers.

**However, we are listening!** We are constantly working to make adjustments and improvements to the website as you continue to tell us of your needs. Thank you for working with us to provide you with a wonderful evolving array of sacred music for your church services.

Anytime you wish to connect with someone on staff at Watchfire Music, please do not hesitate to reach out and email us at [support@watchfiremusic.com](mailto:support@watchfiremusic.com) -- We are here to help you!

**Sharing Solo Thoughts:** You may share Solo Thoughts with your musicians, music committee members and other interested members of your church.

However, **it would be a violation of copyright permissions** to share your purchase of Solo Thoughts with folks outside of your church.

If others outside of your church are interested, please share the link to our Solo Thoughts page on the site: <https://watchfiremusic.com/solo-thoughts/>

In summary, feel free to share the Solo Thoughts PDF via print-out or email within the circle of your church community for your church services only.

### **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 to subscribe and to listen 24/7:

<https://watchfiremusic.com/inspirationalsongoftheweek/>

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 DSM Shop at <https://watchfiremusic.com/shop-info/>

All of Watchfire Music's sheet music catalogue is available in the form of digital sheetmusic 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 MP3song 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 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: April 1, 2018

## Subject: Reality

### Solo Categories:

**Solos: Overall Theme**

**Solos by Bible Lesson Section**

**Solos by Hymn Words**

**Solo Settings of Mary Baker Eddy's Poems and Texts**

### Solos: Overall Theme

#### ● **Alleluia! Christ is Risen! (2000)**

Music by Mark Hayes

Lyrics by Charles Wadsworth

Shippable Hard Copy: [http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/christ-is-risen-alleluia-sheet-music/19581495?aff\\_id453475](http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/christ-is-risen-alleluia-sheet-music/19581495?aff_id453475)

This lively, joyful and exuberant contemporary choral piece is somewhat difficult, especially when taken up to tempo, and it makes an effective solo.

*Lyrics: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise; he who on the cross did suffer for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory now is risen from the dead. Christ is risen, Christ, the firstfruits of the holy harvest field Which with all its full abundance at his second coming yield; Then golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave. Christ is risen, we are risen; Shed upon us heavenly grace, rain and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven here on earth may fruitful be, and by angel hands be gathered and be ever safe with thee. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high, to the Father, and the Savior, who has gained the victory; glory to the Holy Spirit, fount of love and sanctity, Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty. Amen, amen, amen.*

#### ● **An Easter Song (1962) [Solo Treasure]**

Music and Lyrics by Don Humphreys

Medium music. Moderate difficulty. Typical Humphreys sound and format. Vocal Solo. POP.

*Lyrics: With a crown of thorns for His head My Savior was crucified. With a crown to wear, and a cross to bear, 'Twas thus my Savior died. On Calvary's hill He died for me: 'Twas in the garden of Gethsemane. There was darkness o'er the land When my Savior was crucified. But did he die' Or did he go' That a new world should be given' Hark to the words of the angel: He is not here, For he is risen. He is not here, For he is risen. Christ the Lord is risen. Christ the Lord is risen. He is not here, For he is risen. He is not here, For he is risen, is risen today. Fear not ye, fear not ye, Christ is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! He is not here, For he is risen. He is not here, For he is risen. Christ the Lord is risen today.*

#### ● **Christians, Rejoice! (EASTER) (2003) [Solo Treasure]**

Music and Lyrics by John F. Wilson

This contemporary solo is fairly easy, although it has a high tessitura in the original key (Eb). It's an elegant solo with a simple accompaniment and effective recurring motifs. It has two sets of words, one for Christmas, the other for Easter.

*Lyrics: Easter: Christians, rejoice; Christians, give voice! This is the day when we celebrate the raising of our Saviour the Lord, Jesus the Christ, who for our sakes was crucified and rose again. Sing of our*

*hope, sing of our faith, sing of the Lord that rolled the heavy stone away. Free of the fear, free of the pain, Free of the sorrow, Giving God the honour due. And it is here, here on this earth, we can rejoice to see the worth of God's dear son, on this great day, when we can sing "Jesus Christ is truly risen." Now on this day we truly can say we are blessed. Christians rejoice; Christians give voice! We greet the risen Christ on Easter Day!*

### ● **Easter Morn (2005)**

Music and Lyrics by Melanie H. Alcazar

Source: Arlene Pourroy, based on Job 19: 25; Heb 7: 3; Matt 28

Listen to MP3: <http://vocal-works.com/sounds/Solo%20bank/070408R.mp3>

Shippable Hard Copy: [rumery@aol.com](mailto:rumery@aol.com)

This lovely, delicate new arrangement of the familiar folk melody "Greensleeves" is fairly easy because of its familiarity, but has a wide range (middle C to G).

***Lyrics:** I know that my Redeemer lives, life never dying, never born. Today he stands upon the earth in everlasting Easter morn. I know that my Redeemer lives to roll away despair of stone, to lift buried hope to life and bring the resurrection home. Today, today my Redeemer lives, the Christ, my comfort, strength, and guide. Today he stands upon the earth, a loving presence at my side. I know that my Redeemer lives, not forms of clay or laws of sod, the tomb that tries to capture Soul, that tomb is empty, thanks to God! I know that my Redeemer lives in Love that guards us as its own, in Truth that lights the evening shade, in Life where gladness has always shone. Today, today my Redeemer lives, the Christ, my comfort, strength, and guide. Today he stands upon the earth, a loving presence at my side. Life never dying, never born, an everlasting Easter morn.*

### ● **First Day of My Life (2003)**

Music by Allen Pote

Lyrics by Tom Long

Shippable Hard Copy: [http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/A-Song-of-Joy/5905053?aff\\_id=453475](http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/A-Song-of-Joy/5905053?aff_id=453475)

Contemporary and fairly easy with an understated accompaniment, this solo is both melodic and narrative in style. It's a fascinating telling of the Easter story in the first person as if the singer is with the two Marys at the tomb witnessing the events.

***Lyrics:** It was the first day, and we had to go alone, and I heard the others say, "Who will roll away the stone?" For the hour is so early, we'll arrive before the sun, then we saw the open entrance and we knew that it was done. It was the first day, when we came with our perfume, and we knelt as if to pray when we entered in the tomb. And we saw the empty linens and the cloth that bound his head, and a figure like the morning, out of place among the dead. And I wondered at the sight, then my wonder turned to fear, when the stranger all in white turned and said, "He is not here!" Then I knew that he was gone and my sorrow made me blind, as I stumbled on my way, leaving ev'ry hope behind, and I wondered without seeing, going back the way I came, when I heard a word of healing, someone calling out my name. And I trembled at the sound, and I trembled at the word, like a child returning home where a loving voice is heard, and I remembered all the promises he made, how he said he would be with me, how he said, "Don't be afraid!" Then I turned and saw him standing in the sunrise, and I knew, I knew it was the first day of my life, and I trembled in the light, and I trembled when I knew, I had seen the end of night, and the promises were true.*

### ● **First Easter (1962) [Solo Treasure]**

Music and Lyrics by Carl Fredrickson

Source: Matt 28: 1-10, adapted

Medium music, easy. The center section is fairly traditional sounding, but the opening and closing use very open chords which give it an antique sound that appeals to me.

***Lyrics:** It was early at dawning, The first day of the week, Came Mary to the garden, Our dear Lord to seek. But lo! A bright angel's voice fell on her ear, "I know you seek Jesus, but He is not here." "Fear not ye, fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here, He is not here, He is not here; He lives again, He lives again! He is in Galilee, There you will find him beside the blue sea." As Mary was joyfully turning away, Our Lord appeared to her, And she heard Him say: "Mary, go*

*to my brethren and give them this word, I ascend to My Father, My God and your God; I ascend to My Father, My God and your God."*

### ● **He Hath Rolled The Stone Away (2013)**

Music and Lyrics by Ann Stephan

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/he-hath-rolled-the-stone-away/>

Adapted from Science & Health With Key To The Scriptures: "Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of human hope and faith." This triumphant solo is perfect for Easter-related Lesson sermons.

***Lyrics:** Why seek Him here in a darkened cave? He is not bound within the grave There is no power that can imprison Truth and Love For He hath rolled the stone away From the door of human hope and faith He hath rolled the stone away Glory to God, our strength and song And peace to those who have suffered long For life in God will lift us up to Truth and Love For He hath rolled the stone away From the door of human hope and faith He hath rolled the stone away He hath rolled the stone away*

### ● **He Is Risen (2013)**

Music by Deborah Offenhauser

Lyrics by Barbara Whitewater

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/he-is-risen-2/>

This joyful, rhythmic solo is perfect for the Easter season, with words that express the hope for all that rises with the Christ. It's quite easy for the voice, and a bit more challenging for the accompanist.

***Lyrics:** He is risen, he is risen, Dear God, what does this mean? All is well and all forgiven, Hate and death are just a dream. He is risen, he is risen, Hope for all now rises too. In the darkness, in the sorrow, Light and comfort shining through. What greater gift than love unending, life unending, free to all? What greater gift than thought uplifted; grace to raise us, when we fall? Precious Jesus, did he know, Just how far this gift would go? He just did as God directed Life's great lesson here to show. He is risen, he is risen, Every time we laugh and love, He is risen, he is risen, He the lamb, the light, the dove. Way too meek to take the credit, Here to give all good away, He is risen, he is risen Turning every night to day.*

### ● **My Resurrection (1956) [Solo Treasure]**

Music and Lyrics by Dorothy Chancellor Currey

Here is an expressive Easter solo of moderate difficulty with a lovely lyric.

***Lyrics:** The crucified our Lord; they sealed Him in a tomb. Some called it "death!" Some called it "doom!" But, lo, how surely, easily, Love rolled the stone, releasing from captivity, God's loved Son. Liberty, eternity, belong to sinless One! Dear God! With eyes that see not, and ears that hear not I builded me a tomb! No rock-ribbed walls, but stronger, far; Greed, fear, envy, pride, apathy, and for a stone self-righteousness! Lovingly, tenderly, Christ pleads with me. Wond'ringly, doubtingly, I fail to see. Pityingly, patiently, His hand reaches down. Lovingly, trustingly, I extend my own. Strong, now, with borrowed pow'r, I push away the stone! Dear Lord, I'll follow all the way, until I "know as I am known!" This is my resurrection. This is my resurrection! In Thy promise, I'm reborn! And ev'ry day is Easter morn. Easter morn!*

### ● **Rabboni, Rabboni (There is no Death) (2010)**

Music and Lyrics by Carolyn Kardinal

Instant Digital Sheet Music: <https://watchfiremusic.com/shop/sheet-music/rabboni-rabboni/>

Rich and deep with feeling, this moderately difficult contemporary solo has words inspired by 'Rabboni' by Robert Collyer Barker.

***Lyrics:** 1. Where have they taken His body? Where has my Lord been laid? Who could have been here before me and rolled the stone away? Perhaps this gardener knows something of what they have done with my Lord? He seems to recognize me, but have I seen him before? He looks so familiar. What deception could this be? I saw Him crucified. But look at this man? His hands and feet! Master is it you?*