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46 Song of Faith that Sings Forever

1. Song of faith that sings for - ev - er
2. Song of faith in ex - al - ta - tion
3. And when life would o - ver - whelm us,

through God's peo - ple, a - ges long, Word that holds the
ris - ing through the vaults of prayer, tune of sim - ple
when there seems no song to sing, hear the con - stant

world to - geth - er when our hearts take
cel - e - bra - tion of - fered up in
voice of cour - age out of fear and

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up the song, al - ways, al - ways some - where sound - ing,
o - pen air, song in cha - pel and ca - the - dral,
suf - fer - ing: all who've loved and trust - ed Je - sus,

though the source we do not see, coun - ter - point to
des - cant to our dai - ly tone, song from sick - bed
all who lift us to be strong, end - less, end - less

all de - spair - ing— it is hope that sets the key.
or in pris - on: faith must of - ten sing a - lone.
are the voic - es of the faith that makes the song.

35 Song of Faith that Sings Forever

Piano introduction in G major, 6/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with dotted rhythms.

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 2 Song of faith in ex - al - ta - tion, ris - ing through the vaults of
 3 And when life would o - ver-whelm us, when there seems no song to

long, Word that holds the world to - geth - er when our
 prayer, tune of sim - ple ce - le - bra - tion of - fered
 sing, hear the con - stant voice of cour - age out of

hearts take up the song, al - ways, al - ways some - where
 up in o - pen air, song in chap - el and ca -
 fear and suf - fer - ing: all who've loved and trust - ed

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sound - ing, though the source we do not see, coun - ter -
the - dral, des - cant to our dai - ly tone, song from
Je - sus, all who lift us to be strong, end - less,

point to all des - pair - ing, it is hope that sets the key.
sick - bed or in pris - on, faith must of - ten sing a - lone.
end - less are the voic - es of the faith that makes the song.

Song of Faith that Sings Forever 35

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

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Dedicated to my life-long friend, Faith Christine Williamson. I wrote this to give myself courage, a reminder in times when the Church seems to stagger along, of the people who have never stopped singing. This text gave me the title for this collection.