

Music by Georgia A. Wilkerson and Catherine Thompson Words arranged into a poem by Georgia A. Wilkerson and Catherine Thompson from thoughts compiled by Hazelann Griffiths

My Psalm of Peace

I have a feeling of peace... when I get kisses and hugs, And when I'm with my family I feel very loved.

I have a feeling of peace... When I hear stories of the Savior And how He brought peace into the lives of others.

I have a feeling of peace
In knowing the Savior loves me...
And that He is there day and night
To comfort and guide me
To do what is right.

I have a feeling of peace... When I share the gospel with others And give them a chance to be happy too.

> I have a feeling of peace... When I sing songs of the gospel.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ Can bring me peace throughout all eternity

The above part can be spoken by a child after the entire song has been sung to the end. The pianist plays the song quietly as background for the speaker. As the child finishes, the choir sings the last ending again to emphasize the thought, and end the presentation. (The poem used in the song is on the back outside cover.)

An Inspiration

"My Psalm of Peace" was created through the 1994 Primary General theme of "The Gospel of Jesus Christ Can Bring Me Peace" of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. In 2 "Sharing" time activity in July of that year, Hazelann Griffiths, Primary President of the Kearns Valley Ridge Ward, had the children finish the sentence, "I feel peace when..." As the children expressed their ideas of peace, she wrote down what they said.

Hazelann described having such a special feeling that Sunday morning, that she came up with the idea to preserve the spirit by putting the words to music. Knowing how the children loved to sing, Flazelann felt that if they had their very own song from the thoughts they had expressed, it would indeed be a lasting testimony to each child.

Hazelann asked me to write the music for this song. Even though I had taken piano and organ lessons, as well as teach music, I had never written music before. The challenge that was asked of me was indeed great. I began to hear the melody in my mind almost immediately after I had formulated the poem. As I played the first few bars of music on the piano for Hazelann, she confirmed to me that she felt it was the right melody for the poem.

Although it wasn't completely finished, we were able to use the song for our Sacrament Meeting presentation. It was so powerful and well-received, that we were privileged to have it approved by President Roper, our Stake President, for performance in our Ward Conference.

I hope that as you sing the song, you will also enjoy the spirit of the message in such a way as to bear witness to you of the multifulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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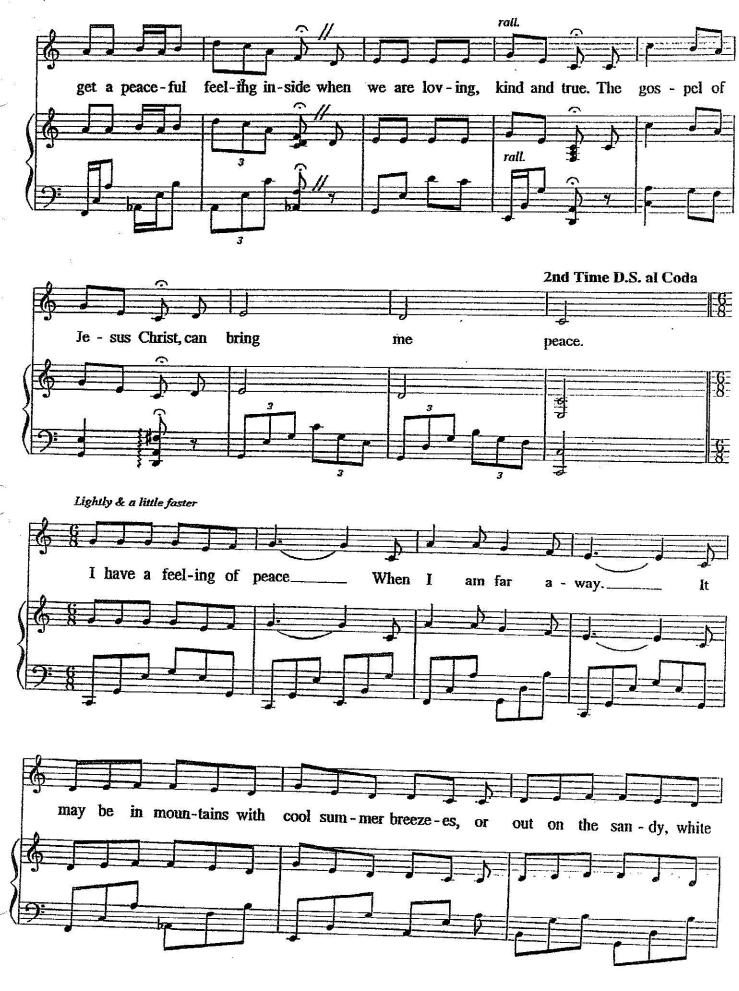
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I have a feeling of peace when I am all alone, And pray to my Heavenly Father And feel the Holy Ghost.

I have a feeling of peace when I begin to read The scriptures that tell me to do what is right And live the commandments by deed.

> I love to help my mom and dad, My brother, sister too. I get a peaceful feeling inside When we are loving, kind and true.

> > The Gospel of Jesus Christ Can bring me peace.

I have a feeling of peace when I am far away.

It may be in mountains with cool summer breezes,

Or out on the sandy, white tropical beaches,

But I will remember who gave life to me.

I have a feeling of peace within my morning slumber.

I think of the flowers so lovely and sweet,

When I give them drinks for my mother.

When I go to church and take The sacred bread and water, I think of how my Savior died, And took my sins from me.

The gospel of Jesus Christ Can bring me peace.

I feel peace when I begin to read Stories of the Savior And how He gave life to me, Jesus said,

"Teach my children— Come and follow me And live with Me in heaven Throughout all eternity."

The gospel of Jesus Christ Can bring me peace Throughout All Eternity.









