



“HE KEEPS ME SINGING!”

Introduction:

- A. This Morning We Talked About God’s Authorization For Singing In Worship.
- B. Tonight We Discuss The JOY That Singing Brings Us IN Worship And In EVERYDAY LIFE!
- C. (Slide #2) Jesus Did Not Come So That We Could Just Sing Or Have Joy, But That Our Joy Can Be Full!
 - 1. (►) Jn. 15:11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and **that your joy may be full.**”
 - 2. I Jn. 1:4 “And these things we write to you **that your joy may be full.**”
 - 3. “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and **that they may have it more abundantly.**” Jn. 10:10
- D. (Slide #3) Hymn: “He Keeps Me Singing.”

Verse 1:

There’s within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,
In all of life’s ebb and flow.

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest Name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

(Slide #4) Verse 2:

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain,
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirred the slumbering chords again.

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest Name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

(Slide #5) Verse 3:

Feasting on the riches of His grace,
Resting 'neath His sheltering wing,
Always looking on His smiling face,
That is why I shout and sing.

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest Name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

(Slide #6) Verse 4:

Though sometimes He leads through waters deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way.

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest Name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

(Slide #7) Verse 5:

Soon He's coming back to welcome me,
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high.

Refrain

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Sweetest Name I know,
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Keeps me singing as I go.

--Words and Music by L. B. Bridges, 1909

- E. Sometimes The Story Behind A Book, A Sermon, Or A Song Can Be Amazingly Inspiring! Bridges Wrote This Song After A Tragic Fire Killed His Wife And Three Sons.

I. (Slide #8) He Gave Me A Song!

A. Serving The Lord Has Put Joy And A Song In Our Heart!

B. Scriptures:

1. Ps. 40:3 "He has put a new song in my mouth-- Praise to our God; Many will see *it* and fear, And will trust in the LORD."
2. Jn. 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

C. What A Burden Is Lifted When We Are Saved!

1. Song: He Gave Me A Song!"
 - a. "He took my burdens all away!"
 - b. "Brighter the way grow ev'ry day."
2. Yes, He gave us a song, a wonderful song in our hearts!

II. (Slide #9) He Keeps Me Singing!

A. We Sing About Christ!

1. Song: "Christ For The World We Sing!"
 - a. Song: "Joy To The World The Lord Is Come!"
 - b. The angel proclaimed the joy that He would bring to the world! Lk. 2:10 "Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.'"
 2. We rejoice in the salvation we have in Him!
 - a. We praise Him as our Redeemer!
 1. Eph. 1:7 "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."
 2. Heb. 9:12 "Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."
 - b. That gives us great joy!
 1. I Pet. 1:8,9 "whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of *your* souls."
 2. Rom. 5:11 "And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation."
 - c. Songs we love to sing:
 1. "I Will Sing Of My Redeemer!"
 2. "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"
 3. We want people to know who the lord is and their need for Him! Song: "Do You Know My Jesus?"
 4. We want sinners to know that the Godhead are EAGER to forgive!
 - a. The Godhead rejoices when a sinner comes home!
 1. Lk. 15:7 When the lost sheep was found: "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."
 2. Lk. 15:10 When the lost coin was found: "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
 - b. We rejoice as the Godhead rejoices when a sinner comes home!
- B. Joy Abounds In The Midst Of A Mundane Life, In The Midst Of A Burdened Life, Or In The Midst Of Overwhelming Grief!
1. Js. 5:13 "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms."
 2. We sing even when ridiculed or persecuted.
 - a. Lk. 6:22,23 "Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the

Son of Man's sake. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets."

- b. II Cor. 7:4 "Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation."
 - c. II Cor. 12:10 "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."
 - d. Ac. 16:25 Paul and Silas in prison -- "But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."
3. He brings joy to the heavy-laden!
- a. Mt. 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."
 - b. "Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,
In all of life's ebb and flow."

C. We Sing In Hope!

- 1. Scriptures:
 - a. "Rejoicing in hope!" Rom. 12:2
 - b. Lk. 10:20 Jesus told the 70 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather **rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**"
- 2. Song: "Sing To Me Of Heaven!"
 - a. "Sing to be of Heaven, let me fondly dream!"
 - b. "Sweetest song of all!"
- 3. "Sing On Ye Joyful Pilgrims!"
 - a. "My faith is heav'n-ward rising with ev'ry tuneful song!"
 - b. "My soul is filled with rapture, My soul is lost in praise!"

III. (Slide #10) He Will Inspire My Singing Eternally!

A. Imagine What It Will Be Like To Sing In Heaven!

- 1. Rev. 5:9 "And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,'"

2. Rev. 15:3 “They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: ‘Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints!’”
- B. Dream About, And Sing About Singing In Heaven!
1. Song: “When We All Get To Heaven!”
 - a. “Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay!”
 - b. “When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!”
 - c. “When we all see Jesus, We’ll sing and shout the victory!”
 2. Song: “When All Of God’s Singers Get Home!”
 - a. “How the ransomed will raise happy songs in His praise, When all of God’s singers get home!”
 - b. “There’ll be ‘no place like home’ When all of God’s singers get home!”

(Slide #11) Conclusion:

- A. If You Are Joyous In Your Heart, Protect Your Joy!
 1. Phil. 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”
 2. I Thess. 5:16 “Rejoice always,”
 3. “Sing And Be Happy”
- B. (►) Live In Hope; Sing Of Hope!
- C. (►) If You Have Lost Your Joy, Repent And Pray To God, “Restore My Spirit Lord!”
- D. **(Slide #12)** Sing For Joy!
 1. Always praise Jesus!
 2. Word of “He Keeps Me Singing.”

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Sweetest Name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.”