

A hand-drawn illustration of a musical staff with five lines. There are four notes: a black note on the first line, an orange note on the second line, a red note on the third line, and a blue note on the fourth line. The notes are connected by a wavy line, suggesting a melody. The background is a light blue textured surface.

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A decorative background featuring a musical staff with several notes. The notes are stylized with dark oval heads and thin stems, some with flags. The staff is a light gray color and is positioned diagonally across the page. The word "Lyrics" is written in a large, white, cursive font, overlapping the staff and the background.

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Psalm Hymns Spiritual Songs

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God. Ephesians 5:18-21

The Bible is full of lyrics.

Look up the word "music" using your concordance and write the most important verses here:

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Matthew Henry says:

In his Bible commentary on Ephesians 5:18-21

Drunkards are wont to sing obscene and profane songs. The heathens, in their Bacchanalia, used to sing hymns to Bacchus, whom they called the god of wine. Thus they expressed their joy; but the joy of Christians should express itself in songs of praise to their God. In these they should speak to themselves in their assemblies and meetings together, for mutual edification.

By psalms may be meant David's psalms, or such composures as were fitly sung with musical instruments. By hymns may be meant such others as were confined to matter of praise, as those of Zacharias, Simeon, etc. Spiritual songs may contain a greater variety of matter, doctrinal, prophetical, historical, etc.

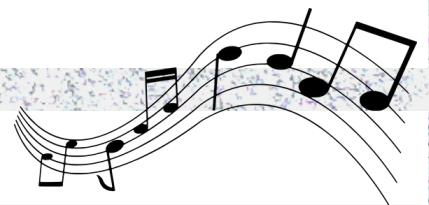
Observe here,

(1.) The singing of psalms and hymns is a gospel ordinance: it is an ordinance of God, and appointed for his glory.

(2.) Though Christianity is an enemy to profane mirth, yet it encourages joy and gladness, and the proper expressions of these in the professors of it. God's people have reason to rejoice, and to sing for joy. They are to sing and to make melody in their hearts; not only with their voices, but with inward affection, and then their doing this will be as delightful and acceptable to God as music is to us: and it must be with a design to please him, and to promote his glory, that we do this; and then it will be done to the Lord.

Thanksgiving is another duty that the apostle exhorts to... We are appointed to sing psalms, etc., for the expression of our thankfulness to God; but, though we are not always singing, we should never want a disposition for this duty, as we never want matter for it. We must continue it throughout the whole course of our lives; and we should give thanks for all things; not only for spiritual blessings enjoyed, and eternal ones expected (for what of the former we have in hand, and for what of the other we have in hope), but for temporal mercies too; not only for our comforts, but also for our sanctified afflictions; not only for what immediately concerns ourselves, but for the instances of God's kindness and favour to others also. It is our duty in every thing to give thanks unto God and the Father, to God as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father in him, in whose name we are to offer up all our prayers, and praises, and spiritual services, that they may be acceptable to God.

Write about it:



I-tune, you-tune, or His-tune?

Not all lyrics are created equal. Some are worth listening to, others are not. Use this checklist from Philippians 4:8 as a test.

Finally, brethren,

whatever things are

true as it accords with fact (reality)
from alethes--undeniable reality

TRUE

whatever things are

venerable, honorable, dignified
semnos--deeply respected because viewed as majestic

NOBLE

whatever things are

correct, righteous, by implication innocent
dikalos--right, judicial approval, conformity to God's own being

JUST

whatever things are

free from ceremonial defilement, holy, sacred
hagnos--pure inside and out, uncontaminated

PURE

whatever things are

Pleasing, agreeable
prospheiles--worthy of personal affection, dearly prized

LOVELY

whatever things are of

well reported of, spoken of in a kindly spirit, laudable
euphemos--uttering words of good omen

GOOD REPORT

if there is any

goodness, gracious act, uprightness
arete--virtue which is displayed to enrich life

VIRTUE

if there is anything

commendation, approval
epainos--enthusiastic acknowledgement for what deserves praise

PRAISEWORTHY

MEDITATE on these things.

to reckon, to consider
logizomai--to reason to a logical conclusion

Did you hear that right?

Have a song that means a lot to you? Listen to it and try to transcribe the lyrics (no cheating by looking them up on the Net).



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artist

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To each his own

You can make your own "spiritual song" by taking a passage of scripture and turning it into lyrics. Consider looking up meter and rhyme to understand how it should work with music.

