

[“RUS” = Rise Up Singing, “RA” = Rise Again, “IIHH” = If I Had a Hammer]

Circle Chant

Circle round for freedom
Circle round for peace
For all of us imprisoned
Circle for release
Circle for the planet
Circle for each soul
For the children of our children
Keep the circle whole

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The Glory of Love (RA Golden p.99 - in C)

You've got to give a little, take a little
And let your poor heart break a little
That's the story of, that's the glory of love
You've got to laugh a little, cry a little
And let the clouds roll by a little / **That's...**
(bridge) As long as there's the 2 of us
We've got the world & all its charms
And when the world is thru w/ us
We've got each other's arms
You've got to win a little, lose a little
Always have the blues a little / **That's...**

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Down to the River to Pray (RA Gospel p.112 - a cappella)

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way
O sisters, let's go down / Let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down / Down to the river to pray

(Substitute:) brothers, fathers, mothers

traditional gospel

Plant Me a Garden (RA Peace p.206 - in C)

Gonna plant me a garden, gonna make it grow
Gonna water it well, gonna weed & hoe
Gonna plant me a garden 'neath the sun above
And the seeds I'll plant are the seeds of love

Gonna plant 'em in the yard for my friends to see
Gonna plant 'em for you gonna plant 'em for me
With a little bit of care they'll grow to be
Flowering rainbows across the sea

And when they've grown from shore to shore
Our sisters & brothers all around the world
Will harvest fruits brought by the dove
And in those fruits are the seeds of love

Hard Travelin' (RUS Travelin' 233 - in D)

I've been havin' some hard travelin',

I thought you knowed

I've been havin' some hard travelin', **way down the road**

I've been havin' some hard travelin',

hard ramblin', hard gamblin'

I've been havin' some hard travelin', lord

I've been ridin' them fast rattlers, **I thought you...**

I've been ridin' them flat wheelers, **way down the...**

I've been ridin' them blind passengers, dead-enders, kickin'

up cinders / **I've been havin' some...**

I've been hittin' some hard-rock minin', **I thought...**

I've been leanin' on a pressure drill, **way down...**

Hammer flyin', air-hose suckin', 6 ft of mud

& I sure been a muckin' / **I been...**

I've been hittin' some hard harvestin', **I thought...**

North Dakota to Kansas City, **way down the...**

Cuttin' that wheat, stackin' that hay,

tryin' make about a dollar a day / **I been...**

I've been working that Pittsburgh steel, **I thought...**

I've been a dumpin' that red-hot slag, **way down...**

I've been a blasting, I've been a firin', I've been a pourin'

red-hot iron / **I've been hittin' some hard travelin'...**

I've been layin' in a hard-rock jail, **I thought you...**

I've been a laying out 90 days, **way...**

Mean old judge, he said to me: "90 days for vagrancy"...

I've been walking that Lincoln highway, **I thought...**
I've been hittin' that 66, **way down...**
Heavy load & a worried mind, lookin' for a woman that's
hard to find / **I've been hittin' some...**

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Hallelujah (RA Family p.64, in C)

He'll be whistlin' while he works (2x)
He'll be whistlin', he'll be whistlin'
Whistlin' while he works
She'll be tending their garden green (2x)
She'll be tending, she'll be tending
Tending their garden green

Hallelu-jah (4x)

She'll be holding their little lamb
She'll be holding that little lamb
She'll be holding x2 / Holding that little lamb
He'll be singing lullabyes (2x)
He'll be singing x2 / Singing lullabyes (**cho**)

She'll be making sugar pie (2x)
She'll be making x2 / Making him a sugar pie
He'll be kissing her each night (2x)
He'll be kissing x2 / Kissing her each night (**cho x2**)

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What would you do if I sang out of tune?
Would you stand up & walk out on me?
Lend me your ear & I'll sing you a song
And I'll try not to sing out of key

O I get by with a little help from my friends
O I go high with a little help from my friends
O I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

What do I do when my love is away?
Does it worry you to be alone?
How do I feel at the end of the day?
Are you sad because you're on your own?

(bridge) Do you need anybody?
I need somebody to love
Could it be anybody?
I want somebody to love

Would you believe in a love at first sight?
Yes, I'm certain that it happens all the time.
What do you see when you turn out the light?
I can't tell you, but I know it's mine

Loud are the bells of Norwich
And the people come & go
Here by the tower of Julian
I tell them what I know
Ring out, bells of Norwich
And let the winter come & go
All shall be well again, I know

Love like the yellow daffodil
Is coming thru the snow
Love like the yellow daffodil
Is Lord of all I know

Ring for the yellow daffodil
The flower in the snow
Ring for the yellow daffodil
And tell them what I know

(tag) All shall be well I'm telling you
Let the winter come & go
All Shall be well again, I know

Lean On Me (RUS Friendship p.66 - in D)

Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know there's always tomorrow

Lean on me when you're not strong
I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs that you won't let show

(bridge) You just call on me brother when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'd understand
We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load
You have to bear, that you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load if you just call me

**Four hands working at the table
Two are young & two are older
Four hands strong & able
Hands that work & hands that love**

Now, me & my grandma, we're building a house
Building it from pebbles & toothpicks
Grandma builds the roof & I build the walls
We're gonna fill it with the people we love

Me & my grandpa, we're baking a pie
Baking it from apples & raisins
Grandpa cuts the apples & I roll the dough
We're gonna feed it to the people we love

Me & my grandma, we're fixing our skates
Fixing 'em to fit us this year
Grandma makes mine longer and I make hers tight
We're gonna skate with the people we love

Now me & my grandpa, we're writing a song
Gonna sing it for the family tomorrow
Grandpa writes the music & I write the words
We're gonna sing for the people we love

All I Have to Do Is Dream (RA Rock p.230 - in C)

(intro) Dre-eam, dream dream dream (2x)

When I want you in my arms

When I want you & all your charms

Whenever I want you, all I have to do is

Dre-eam dream, dream dream dream

When I feel blue in the night

And I need you to hold me tight / **Whenever I want you...**

(bridge) I can make you mine, taste your lips of wine

Anytime, night or day

Only trouble is, gee whiz / I'm dreamin' my life away

I need you so that I could die

I love you so & that is why / **Whenever I want you...**

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Two Hands Hold the Earth (RA Earthcare p.51)

My head is in the sky, sky, sky

My feet are on the ground, ground, ground

And what about my blood? It's from the sea

And what about my bones? like the mountains be

And my hands, oh my hands

I believe with my hands I could hold this land

My two hands hold the earth (2x)

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The Rainbow Connection (RA Dream p.39 - in D)

Why are there so many songs about rainbows
And what's on the other side?
Rainbows are visions, but only illusions
And rainbows have nothing to hide
So we've been told & some choose to believe it
I know they're wrong, wait & see
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers & me

Who said that every wish would be heard & answered
When wished on the morning star?
Somebody thought of that & someone believed it
Look what it's done so far
What's so amazing that keeps us star-gazing
And what do we think we might see?
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers & me

(bridge) All of us under its spell
We know that it's probably magic

Have you been half asleep & have you heard voices?
I've heard them calling my name
Is this the sweet sound that calls the young sailors
The voice might be one & the same
I've heard it too many times to ignore it
It's something that I'm supposed to be...
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers & me

Bird By Bird (RA Hope p.133 - in D)

Trouble isn't easy, trouble brings doubt

Fear comes in & the joy goes out

How we gonna make it? What are we gonna do?

How are we gonna make it when trouble comes through?

We'll take it bird by bird

A little at a time take it bird by bird

And stone by stone

A little at a time, take it stone by stone

Change isn't easy, change is hard

Fear comes in & it can tear you apart

How we gonna make it? What are we gonna do?

How we gonna make it when change comes thru...

Dreams aren't easy, dreams can get lost

Fear comes in & the dream gets tossed

How we gonna make it? What are we gonna do?

How we gonna make this dream come true?

Shall we gather at the river (RUS Gospel pg. 96 - in C)

Shall we gather at the river
Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

**Yes, we'll gather at the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God**

On the margin of the river
Washing up its silver spray
We will talk & worship ever
All the happy golden day

Ere we reach the shining river
Lay we every burden down
Grace our spirits will deliver
And provide a robe and crown

Soon we'll reach the silver river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace

by Robert Lowery, 1864

De Colores (RUS Outdoors p.152 - in D)

De colores

De colores se visten los campos en la primavera

De colores

De colores son los pajarillos que vienen de afuera

De colores

De colores es el arco iris que vemos lucir

Y por eso los grandes amores

De muchos colores me gustan a mi (repeat)

Canta el gallo

Canta el gallo con el quiri quiri quiri quiri quiri

La gallina

La gallina con el cara cara cara cara cara

Los polluelos

Los polluelos con el pio pio pio pio pi

Y por eso los grandes amores

De muchos colores me gustan a mi (repeat)

traditional folksong (Spain)

Which Side Are You On? (IIHH p.48 RUS p.260 - in Dm)

Come all you good workers, good news to you I'll tell
Of how the good old unionas come in here to dwell

Which side are you on, boys? Which side are you on?

My daddy was a miner, he's now in the air & sun
And I'll stick with the union 'til every battle's won

They say in Harlan County, there are no neutrals there
You'll either be with the union or a thug for J. H. Blair!

Oh workers can you stand it? Oh tell me how you can?
Will you be a lousy scab or will you lend a hand?

Don't scab for the bosses, don't listen to their lies
Us poor folks haven't got a chance unless we organize!

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Step by Step (IIHH p.33, RUS Unity p.242 - in Dm)

Step by step the longest march
Can be won, can be won
Many stones can form an arch
Singly none, singly none

And by union what we will
Can be accomplished still
Drops of water turn a mill
Singly none, singly none

Great Storm is Over (RUS Hope - in D)

The thunder & lightning gave voice to the night
The little lame child cried aloud in her fright
Hush little baby, a story I'll tell
Of a love that has conquered the powers of hell.

**Alleluia, the great storm is over,
Lift up your wings and fly!**

Sweetness in the air and justice on the wind
Laughter in the house where the mourners have been
The deaf shall have music, the blind have new eyes
The standards of death taken down by surprise.

Release for the captives, an end to the wars
New streams in the desert, new hope for the poor,
The little lame children will dance as they sing,
And play with the bears and the lions in spring.

Hush little baby, let go of your fear,
The lord loves his own and your mother is here,
The child fell asleep as the lantern did burn,
The mother sang on 'til her bridegroom's return.

What a Wonderful World (RA Hope p.140 - in C)

I see trees of green, red roses too

I see them bloom for me & for you

And I think to myself, what a wonderful world

I see skies of blue, clouds of white

Bright blessed days, dark sacred nights

And I think to myself, what a wonderful world

(bridge) The colors of a rainbow so pretty in the sky

Are also on the faces of people going by

I see friends shaking hands saying “How do you do?”

They're really saying “I love you”

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow

They'll learn much more than I'll never know

And I think to myself, what a wonderful world

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