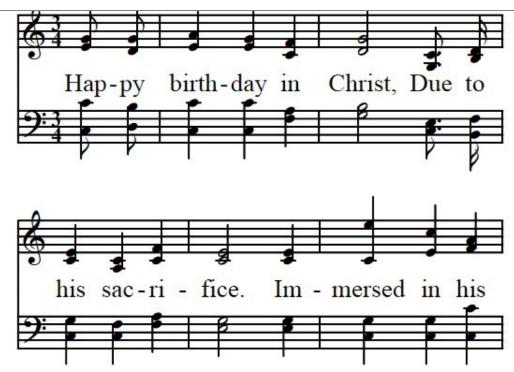


MINUTES WITH MESSIAH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN CHRIST





Where I worship, we almost always sing "We Love You With the Love of the Lord" after a baptism. I learned recently that We Care Ministries sings "Happy Birthday" to the new brother/sister in Christ. I wrote this as an appropriate alternative.

If the melody sounds somewhat familiar, that is because the tune could be called "Variations on a Theme Called Happy Birthday." It is based on the familiar tune used at most birthdays in the United States.

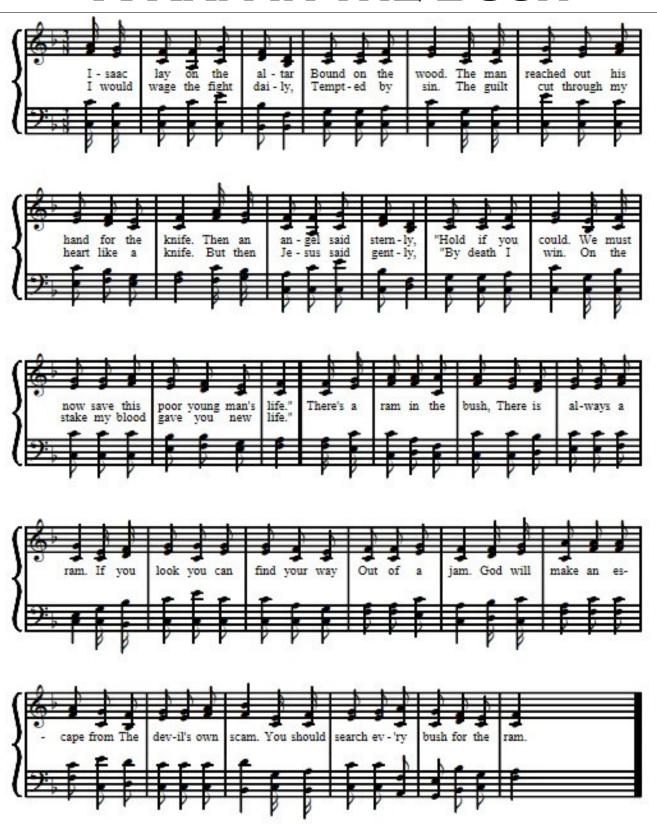
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAY

The afternoon talent on KLOVE radio (Scott and Kelli) used to call each Monday, "Make a Difference Monday." They had listeners call in and tell what they have done to make a difference for others, or what others did to make a difference for them. It could be paying for the meal for the car behind you in the drive-through, or something someone said. Although they no longer do that, they do have their "Make a Difference Tour" where they go to various cities to serve people in various ways. I wrote this in 2009, and recently sent it to them.

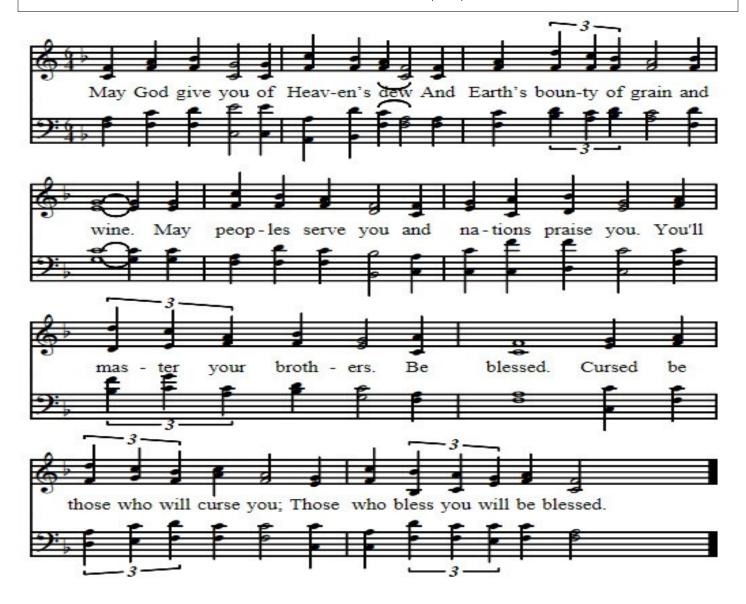


A RAM IN THE BUSH



I heard a singer on KLOVE radio talking about one of his songs, and he used the phrase, "there is always a ram." Unfortunately, the radio network was unable to tell me who that was so that I could credit him as the inspiration for this song. The phrase was his, but I took it and expanded on it.

JACOB'S BLESSING



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