I Come with Joy

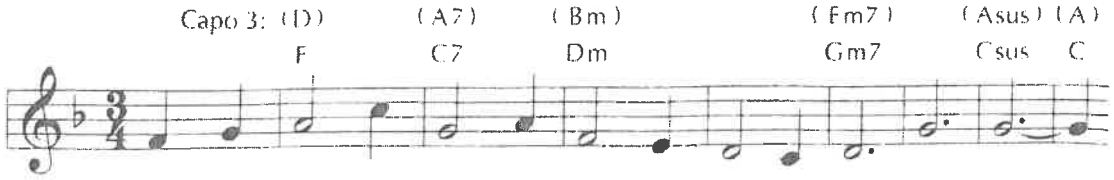
by Brian Wren

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
   The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
   In love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
   The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
   In Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
   The love that made us, makes us one, strangers now are friends,
   And strangers now are friends.
4. And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near,
   And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here,
   That Christ is risen here.
5. Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay,
   And go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray,
   And live the way we pray.

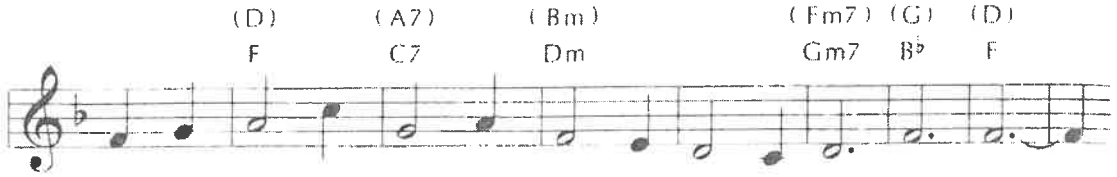
Tune: Dove of Peace

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

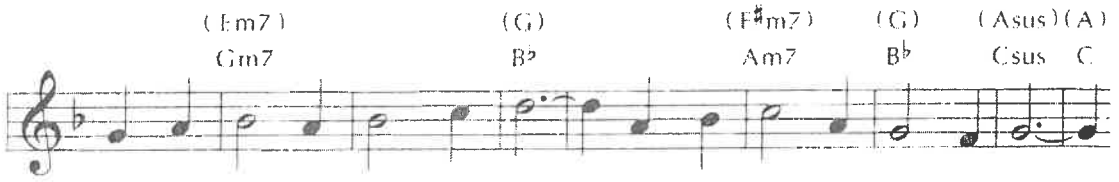
The Summons



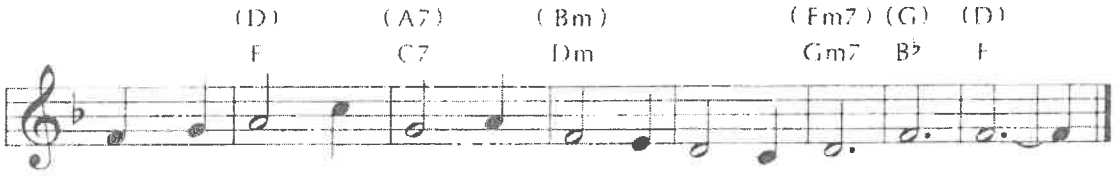
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

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