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NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

The contents of this small hymnal and songbook contain the elements of singing in various genres of music fit for any English/Latin speaking Catholic institution; Gregorian chant, hymns, patriotic and folk songs, rounds and original devotional pieces. One might even call it a ‘Field Book of Music’. It is the most condensed collection of hymns and songs that I have been singing and teaching others to sing throughout my career as a professional musician employed by Catholic institutions and includes some of my own compositions.

Everything except my original compositions are entirely in the public domain and has stood the test of time. The text of the hymns are maintained in archaic second person singular form (thee, thy, thou, thine, etc.). All Latin chants and hymns are accompanied by English translations. A choral/chordal edition will also be made available.

Singing is so basic to human nature that everyone should take it upon themselves to enter into song alone and together with others. Children need to sing as soon as they are able and continue to do so throughout their entire lives. Rounds are the perfect way to introduce singing in polyphonic form.

As we are exhorted in the book of Ephesians, “Sing and make melody in your hearts to the Lord.”

In JMJ,
Francis Koerber, *composer/publisher*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis T. Koerber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Francis" and "T." on the first line and "Koerber" on the second line.

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