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PREFACE

"The present edition of Lambda Chi Alpha Songs has been designed to meet a practical need. Original melodies only are included, and these such as actually appeal to the average musical taste of the present generation ... By publishing the best of our songs, it is thought that a song tradition can most effectively be founded."

John E. Mason, Pennsylvania
Epsilon Zeta - Grand High Epsilon
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We who are citizens of North America find ourselves in a unique situation unparalleled in history; our society is highly mobile. We think nothing of commuting 50 miles to and from work, we jet all over the world on our vacations, and, in our day to day lives, we drive... and drive... and drive. While we're doing all that driving, what else are we doing? I'm sure that most of you (like I) listen to music. It's one of the first things we do when we get in our cars; turn on the radio, tape deck.

You must admit that you hear music daily and it is a part of your **life. As** fraternity men, we can say that Lambda Chi **Alpha is** a part of our **lives** also. Along with that goes the understanding and rationalization that Music is a **part of our** Fraternity. It makes perfect sense.

There is a time and a place for everything and in public, around women and around families, are times for clean songs. As we approach our 75th year anniversary as a fraternity, we hear more and more about traditions. Lambda Chi Alpha **calls** its members back to the "old" traditions of chapter excellence ... of high standards. Dare to improve, dare to be different.

This is the latest edition of the Lambda Chi **Alpha** Songbook, the **last** book appearing in 1940. As you can imagine, 43 years is a long time without a change, even for music. The elaborate arrangements and rare **literary** masterpieces which comprised the **lyrics** are not quite in style today. For a fraternity claiming to be adaptable, we felt it was appropriate to adapt our music.

Somehow, somewhere, for some reason, most of us have lost touch with the music composed by our founders. I'm sure the loss wasn't intentional, nobody wants to lose anything of importance, and these songs are important. Are we afraid to sing? Are we afraid to show the rich spirit of our Fraternity? These answers should be "No", Remember, these fraternity songs were written to express a deep commitment to the ideals and purposes of our Fraternity. More than that, these songs put thoughts in words and melodies that can be felt in the heart of every brother. If music is the universal language, then songs are universal thoughts. Do you share in the bond of Lambda Chi Alpha? Do you share in that valued commodity we call fraternity? These songs hold the essence of our heritage. These songs were inspired by heartfelt emotions, developed in fellowship and nurtured in brotherhood. And now you, almost 75 years from our founding, can actually feel the pride shared by our founders.

Singing is a great opportunity for your chapter to do something together, where everybody is afforded the chance to contribute. Singing builds **camraderie** and promotes fellowship among brothers. Let's face it, singing is just plain fun. This **songbook** is offered as a way to get back to those basics and have fun doing it. That's why it was written in the style of a manual. Almost a "How-to-Sing-Without-Really-Trying" book. **It** doesn't matter if you think you are tone deaf. As long as you want to sing, you can!

Take pride in continuing one of the great traditions and heritage of our fraternity. Take up the challenge brothers, and let's share a song. Let's lift our standards, our spirits, and our voice and sing of the praises of Lambda Chi Alpha.

David D. Leathers **Cal State/Fresno** '82 Iota-Gamma Zeta Song Book Editor 6th Edition "We cannot have too many songs. It is the duty of every member who has musical or poetic ability to contribute the most he can toward upbuilding the quantity and quality of the song collection of the fraternity. All the existing fraternity songs should be tried out and every chapter as a group and a goodly portion of the brothers as individuals should devote some effort to the problem of making Lambda Chi Alpha a singing Fraternity, with plenty of singable songs."

Lewis F. Robbins, Brown Iota Zeta • Grand High Phi Purple, Green, and Gold March, 1916

FRATERNITY SONGS AND SONG WRITING

Fraternity songs, as distinct from other college songs, had their beginning in the ritualistic song. Songs for conventions, banquets and other gatherings followed until we now have fraternity songs of many distinct varieties.

There are hundreds of fraternity songs. The best rank high **in** quality of their verses, but it is not often that one can be said to be a good musical composition. **In** fact, the large majority of them are made up of original words fitted to tunes already in existence. Everything from ragtime to grand opera has been used as music for fraternity songs, and the reflection has been in turn, on the poetry and the music.

HYMNS AND SONGS OF PRAISE

Every fraternity has its general songs of praise and brotherly devotion. The following are types of songs to be sung at all times and on **all** occasions: "Gather All Ye Merry Men" of Kappa Sigma, "Shrine of Our College Days," "New Lang Syne," "Good-Fellowship" of Sigma Nu, "DU Will Shine Tonight," "Where You Find A Delta U" of Delta Epsilon, "Delta Shelter" of Delta Tau Delta, "Unfurl the Beta Banner," "The Beta Dragon", "In the Old Porch Chair" of Beta Theta Pi, "Show Me the Scotchman," "Fiji Land Is the Land for Me" of Phi Gamma Delta, "Even the Stars Spell S A E," "Gathering of the Clans," "Sigma Echoes" of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and "We're All Good Brothers", of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Hymns and **ritualistic** songs are sung by nearly all fraternities. **Yhus**, we find such songs as these: "Beta Doxology" of Beta Theta Pi, "Funeral Hymn" of Delta Epsilon, "The Cross Song" of Sigma Chi, "A **Hymn** to S A E", "Sigma Nu Hymn" and "A Hymn to Lambda Chi Alpha" as well as "Blessing of Lambda Chi Alpha."

BANQUET AND ALUMNI SONGS

Then there are banquet songs, elements of the festive gathering which should never be **lacking**. Kappa Sigma has a "Drinking Song." Every fraternity has its "Toast." "The Loving-cup" of Beta Theta Pi **and** "All Hail" of Sigma Nu are other good examples. Rush songs are used during the proper season. "**Rush**, Rush, That's the Cue" of Delta Upsilon, "Spiking Songs" of Kappa Sigma, "William Goes to Delta Tau" and "An Intelligent Lad" of Phi Kappa Psi are typical of this sort of song.

The fraternity is fortunate that has a good alumni song to be sung when the "old boys" return or during their absence, to remind the "actives" of some of the things that have been done for them. Good alumni songs are: "Alumni Song" of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, "Alumni Association Song" of Phi Kappa Psi, "The Alumnus" of Beta Theta Pi. As important is the song of welcome which is used as a greeting to the visiting brother or the newly initiated man. "A Greeting of Sigma Nu," "Greeting Song" of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, "How D'y Do. Brother. .." of Phi Kappa Psi, "A Beta Welcome" of Beta Theta Pi and "All Hail" of Lambda Chi Alpha. Too, some of the fraternities sing good-by songs when a brother is leaving or when the seniors take their leave at commencement. How such a farewell must make ever-enduring the memory of the last happy days with college friends. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has a "Parting Song" and a "Goodnight Song." Beta Theta Pi sings "The Parting Pledge." Sigma Nu also has a "Parting Song." Not to mention our own "Good Night."

OTHER TYPES

Cheering songs are used **especially** when men are associated or when some victory is won by the fraternity. Good cheering songs incorporate the fraternity yell. Examples are: "Cheering Song" and "Hurrah Song" of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, "Rahfor Beta Theta Pi," "Antiphonol Cheer" of Phi Kappa Psi, and "Let's Give a Hip, Hip Hurrah" of Lambda Chi Alpha. For all sorts of gatherings of social nature, marches are appropriate. Delta Upsilon, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Lambda Chi Alpha are among the fraternities having marching songs. Marches and waltzes without words, although not common in fraternity music, surely have their merit. Sweetheart and sister songs are almost universally sung by fraternity men in college. "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," "The Phi Psi Girl," "My Lady Delta U," "My Fiji Honeymoon" of Phi Gamma Delta, "My Girl is a Delta" of Delta Tau Delta, "She Wears My Beta Pin" of Beta Theta Pi, "Pinning Song," "There She Stands" and "My Crescent Girl" of Lambda Chi Alpha are all popular songs of the fraternities which thus pay their respects to feminine friends.

A large group of songs can be placed under the general head, humorous. "We Dreamed Our Alumni Were Dead," "Billy Goat Song," "Hot Greek Sports" of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, "Ramble," as sung by Kappa Sigma, and "When Father Went to College," a Sigma Chi favorite, are some of the fraternity songs that picture the funny side of chapter life.

But, there are many fraternity songs that cannot be classified at all, chiefly because of their exclusive individuality. In this miscellaneous group are found some of the best song ideas. Such songs as "The Beta Grip" of Beta Theta Pi, 'Chorus" of Phi Gamma Delta, "Chapter Night" of Phi Kappa Psi, and many other new, idea songs are an inspiration to the discouraged lover of originality. Of types not overworked, there are convention and reunion songs, state banquet and special chapter songs, songs of founders, birthday or anniversary songs, serenade songs, evening songs, and even supper and smoking songs. Very popular with some fraternities are medleys of college and fraternity and sorority songs.

FUNCTION OF THE FRATERNITY SONG

The Fraternity has placed a priority on music almost from the beginning. In fact, the first published fraternity songs were seen in the March, 1916 issue of the <u>Purple</u>, <u>Green.</u> and <u>Gold</u>. Considering the fact that our fraternity will be celebrating its **75th anniversary** in 1984, we have made great progress in the development of our music.

The General Fraternity offered a number of contests for "Best Song" and awarded the winner's choice of a diamond badge or \$190.00. The first of these contests was held at the General Assembly of 1920. At one point, there was even a proposal made to the Grand High Zeta that would require each zeta to enter one song before being able to vote on General Assembly legislation. This program would last for no less than ten years. Luckily, for most of our zetas, this proposal was ruled as unconstitutional. Otherwise. our voting members would be greatly diminished.

Roughly speaking, the fraternity song serves at least two major purposes. To those not "of the bond," it is representative of the organization. To those who appreciate its **fullest** significance, it is an inspiration and a unifier. The man who knows the hearty good cheer that goes with a fraternity song sung with zest around the banquet table or in the homey glimmer of a winter fire, needs no one to tell him of its worth. Of all the memories of college days, perhaps few are more persistent than those that are associated with these happy days of college life and fun.

As the song of a nation is accepted as "an ultimate test of the popular spirit, whether the utterance of the feelings common to all, or the fine and daring specualtion of the noblest minds," so may the song of any movement or organization be taken as a guage of all its activities and aims, a crystallization of its power and its ideals. From the infancy of her existence, Lambda Chi Alpha has had songs of her own, real expressions of "the voice of human Brotherhood." But, they have not been as numerous as they should have been. The Fraternity needs more songs and better songs.

MUSIC IN YOUR CHAPTER

Serenade/ser-a-nad - la: a complimentary vocal or instrumental performance; esp: one given outdoors at **night** for a woman.

The fine art of serenading undoubtably began hundreds of years ago outside of some young lady's window. A love struck, young man took it upon himself to express his undying devotion. **Well**, add the music, moonlight and the admirations of that special someone, and it **all** spells success. That's right, this guy was a hit. Soon, his friends caught on and serenading became a trend. A month later, it was a "tradition." So that's where we are today. The tradition of serenading (give or take a few hundred years).

Now to relate serenading to college terms. Chances are if your grandfather was in a fraternity, he serenaded. Dad probably serenaded, too, for that matter. On many campuses, it has still remained a positive tradition. It **is** more appropriate to serenade on some occasions than others. The best times to serenade are when a brother announces his engagement or pinning; when the fraternity selects a Sweetheart or Crescent Girl, or when you want to recognize a certain group (sorority or women's dorm). Usually an upcoming party or other social event will prompt the latter form of serenading.

Serenades are easy, fun, and a great way to meet girls and show class at the same time.

Relax. You don't have to be a professional musician to sing, perform, or enjoy music; particularly fraternity music. **In** fact, music is one of the easiest, most natural gifts available to mankind. If you can **talk**, you can sing. It is that easy. **Nobody** said **you** could sell records, but you can sing. The quality depends on you. Just as any weightlifter could not expect to pick up 300 **lbs.** without training, your chapter should not expect to sound **like** the Mormon Tabernacle Choir without practice. Singing involves muscles in the throat that must be developed. That development comes from practice. Plain everyday, run-of-the-mill practice.

HOWTOSTARTAPROGRAM

Most athletic sports, in addition to practices, have a coach. This is a good place to begin in the chapter music program. Appoint or elect a Song Chairman, someone who likes to sing and is a good leader. It helps if he knows a little about music, although it is not a requirement.

The next step is to select the songs for the chapter to learn. Start with an easy one, like "We're All Good Brothers." Copy the words to the song on a separate piece of paper and give every member a copy;

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Play or sing through the entire song once with everybody listening. Then take it a line at a time. Repeat until the members have the basic idea (or until it sounds like it's supposed to) and then go on to the next line. Repeat the same process until the entire song is learned.

Now that everybody knows the song, sing it together. Have the members stand close together or in a circle and have them sing loud. This **will** give your members confidence, and it might make your singing sound better.

Try to learn a new song after every meeting. The whole process will take about **15-20** minutes for each song. After one month (or four chapter meetings), you now have a new music program and you're ready for your first performance.

SELECT THE **OCCASION**

There are a **number** of specific occasions that offer a terrific excuse to serenade. Whenever a brother becomes engaged, pinned, or lavaliered to a sorority girl, or if your chapter is paired with a group for Homecoming, Greek Week, AH-Sings, etc. Serenading is also a great way to meet the new sorority pledges after rush, or if your chapter has a party planned- with a sorority, a serenade can "psyche" the girls up.

THE SERENADE

Now that you have the occasion in mind, you need to select the proper music. The following are suggested songs for a particular serenade:

Pinning/Engagement/Sweetheart

Pinning Song
There She Stands
With Dear Old Lambda Chi
She's Our Little Crescent Girl

Spirit /"Psyche-up"
All Hail
We're AU Good Brothers
Hip, Hip, Hurray
Loyalty Song

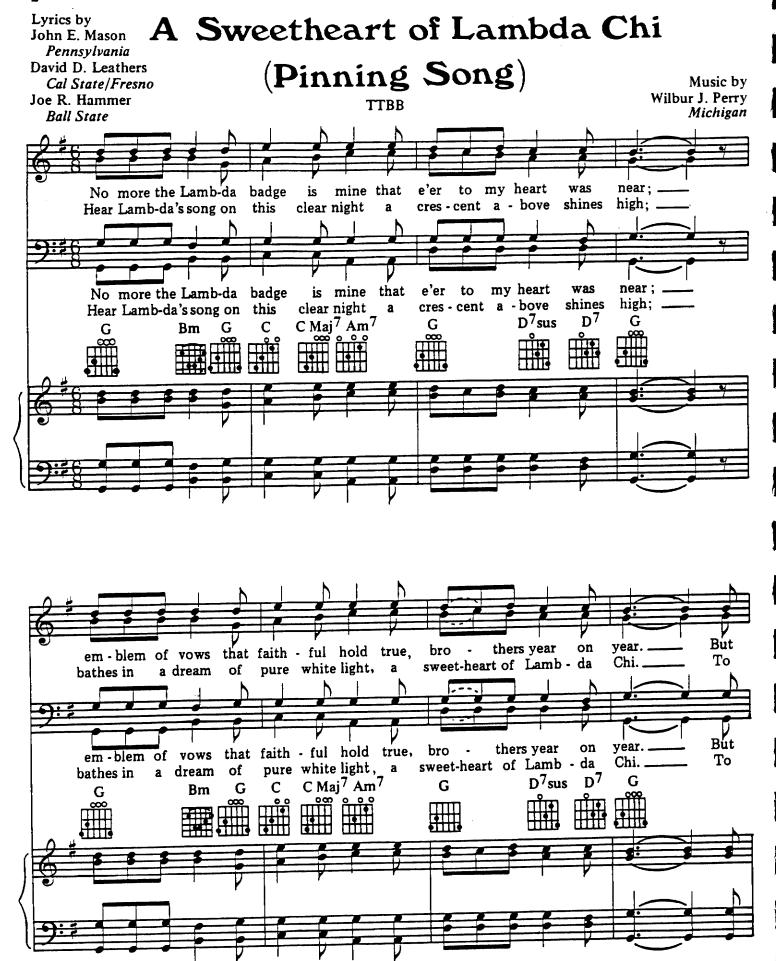
Your chapter also might want to **learn** the <u>Blessing Song</u> • for banquets, or meals at the chapter-house, and the <u>Goodnight Song</u> to end your serenades. These songs are designed to be relatively easy, so don't be intimidated by the arrangements.

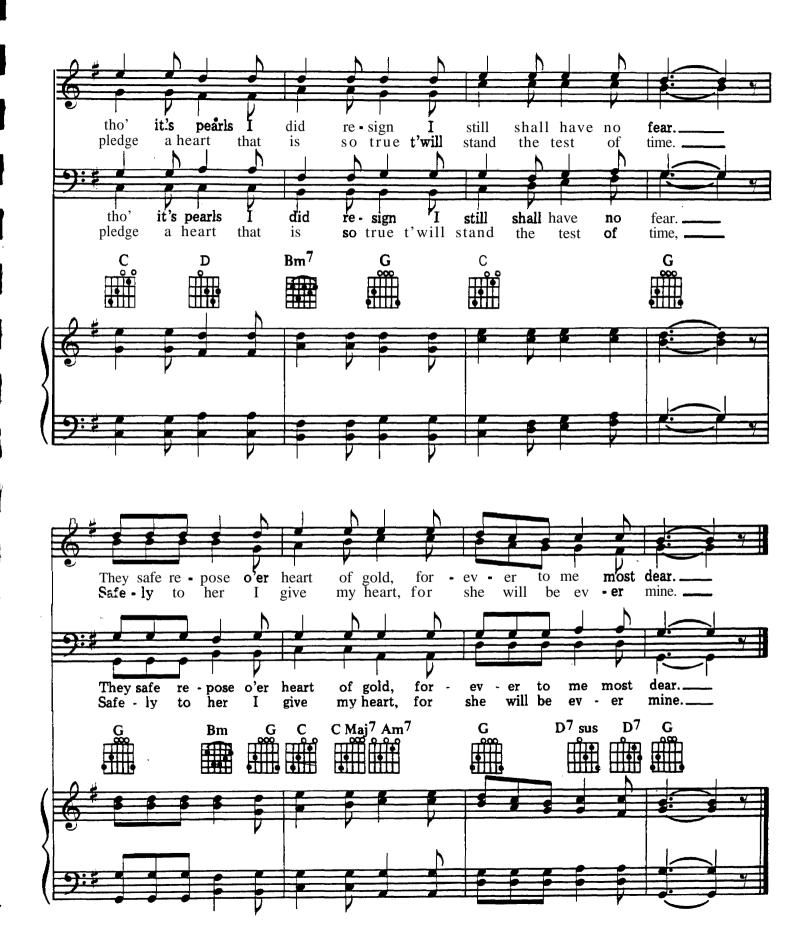
Take the initiative and write your own songs • that's half the fun of singing. Remember, when **you are** singing in front of non-members or in public, show class, not crass.

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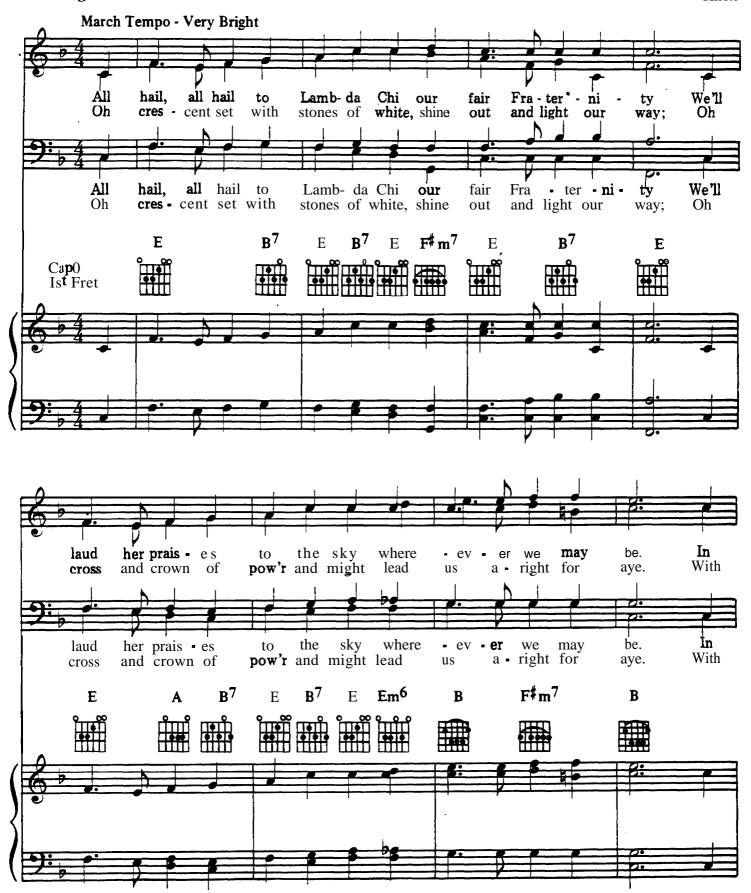
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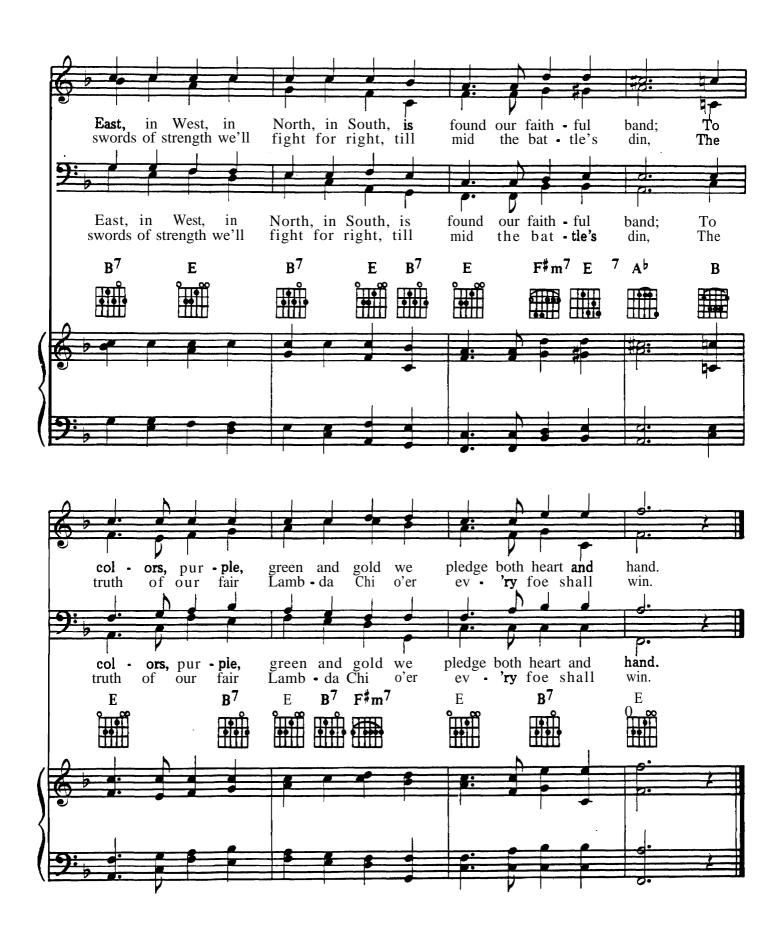




All Hail

By Howard Loney Knox





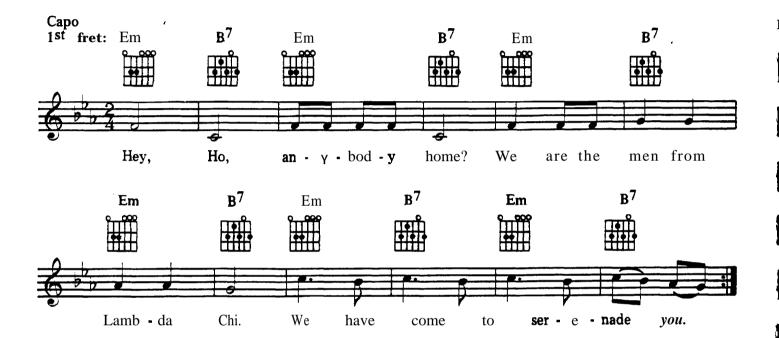




HEY, HO

Traditional

Arranged by David D. Leathers *Cal. State/Fresno*

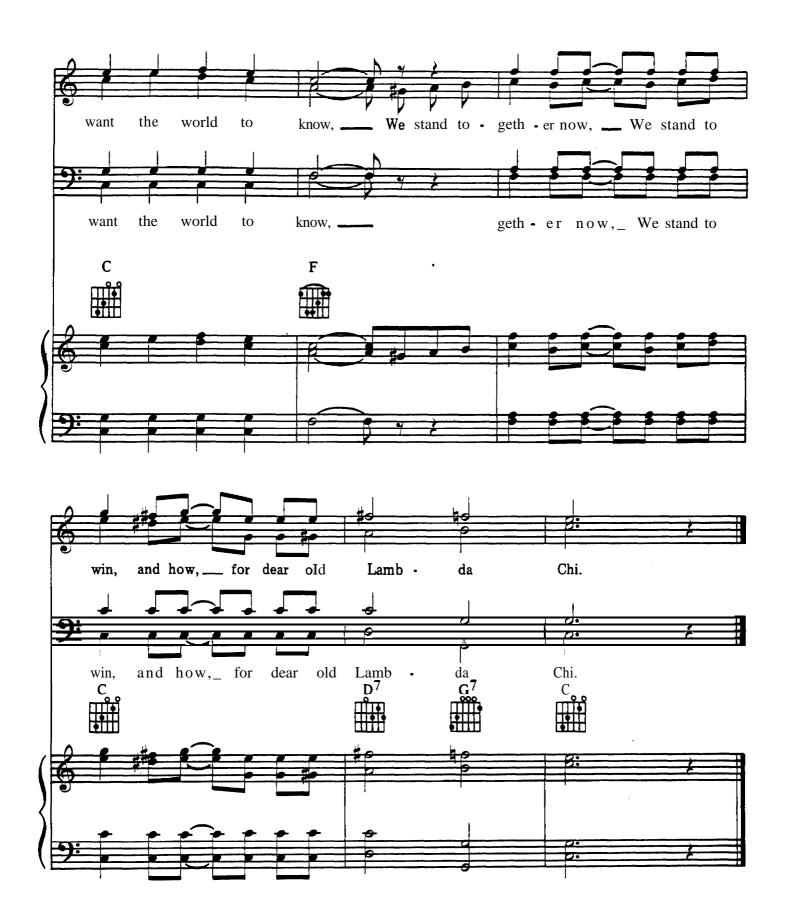


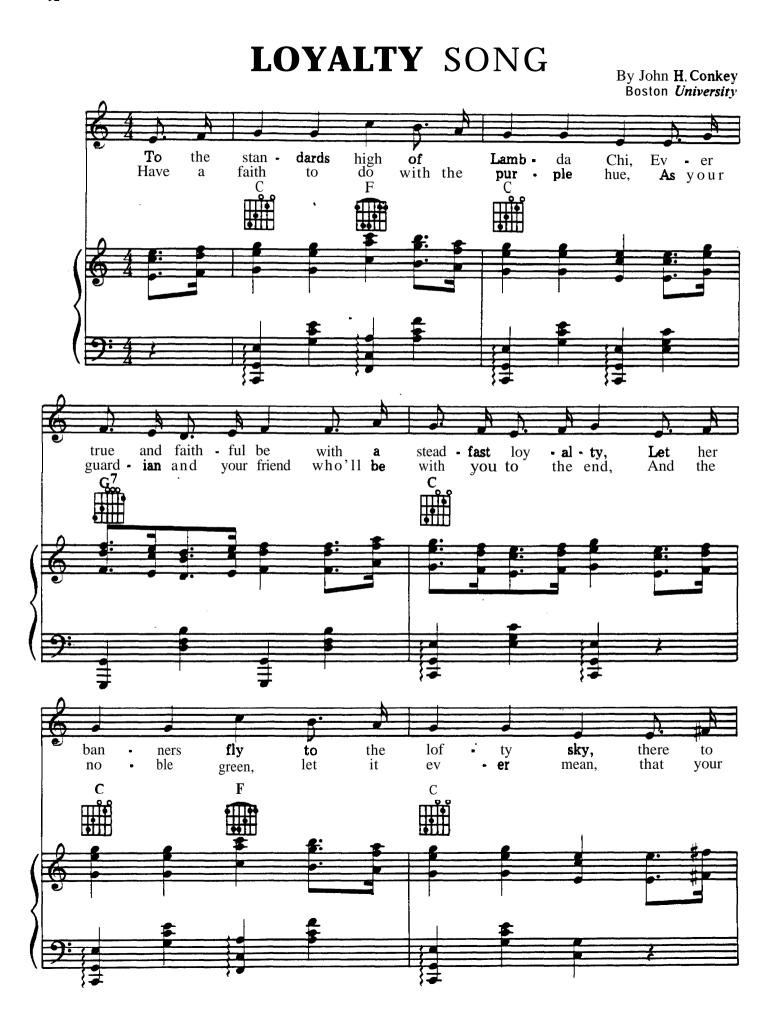
This song is a good opener to let the girls know who you are and that you are outside ready to sing. You may have to repeat the song **a** few times until whomever you're singing to comes out, but **that's all** right.

For added emphasis, you can substitute with yelling "Lamb-da Chi", instead of singing it. Another good opening song is "Please Come Out".



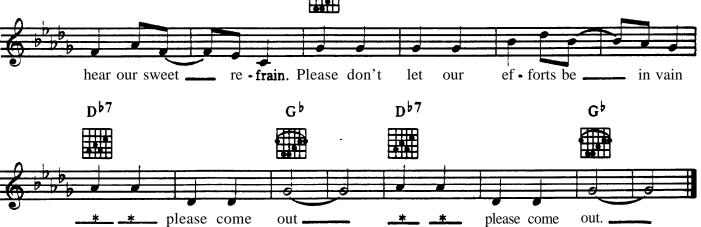






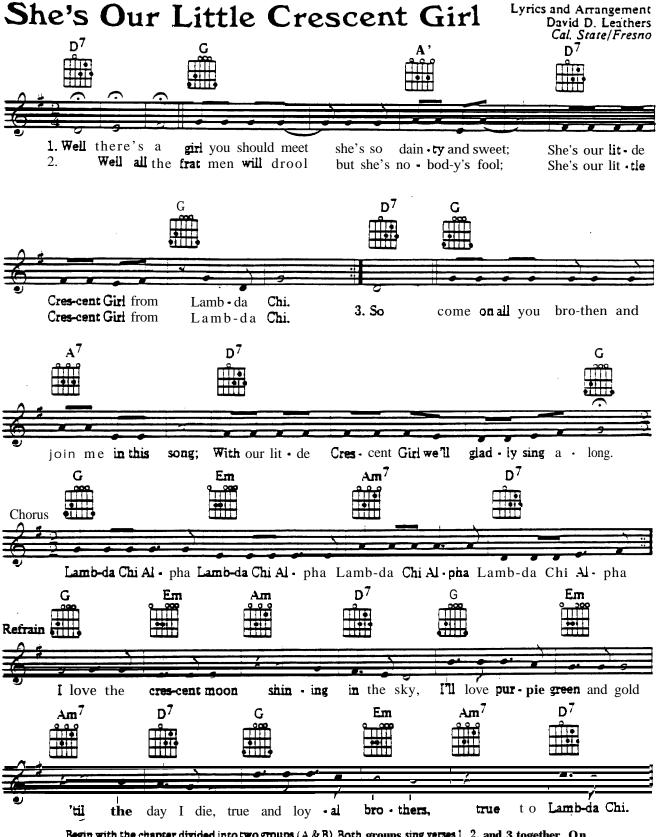






This song can be used as an opener, along with "Hey Ho". After singing through the song once, modulate a half-step and repeat. In other words, sing it a little higher on the second time. Each time you sing it, you should raise it a little. You should probably plan on starting on a low note. That way, if whomever you're singing to is late, you won't hurt yourself. Keep singing this song until whomever you are singing to comes out.

* The girl's name, or name of the Sorority can be inserted into the blank spaces. This should be kept to two syllable names (i.e. Dee Gee's, Theta's, Pi-Phi's).

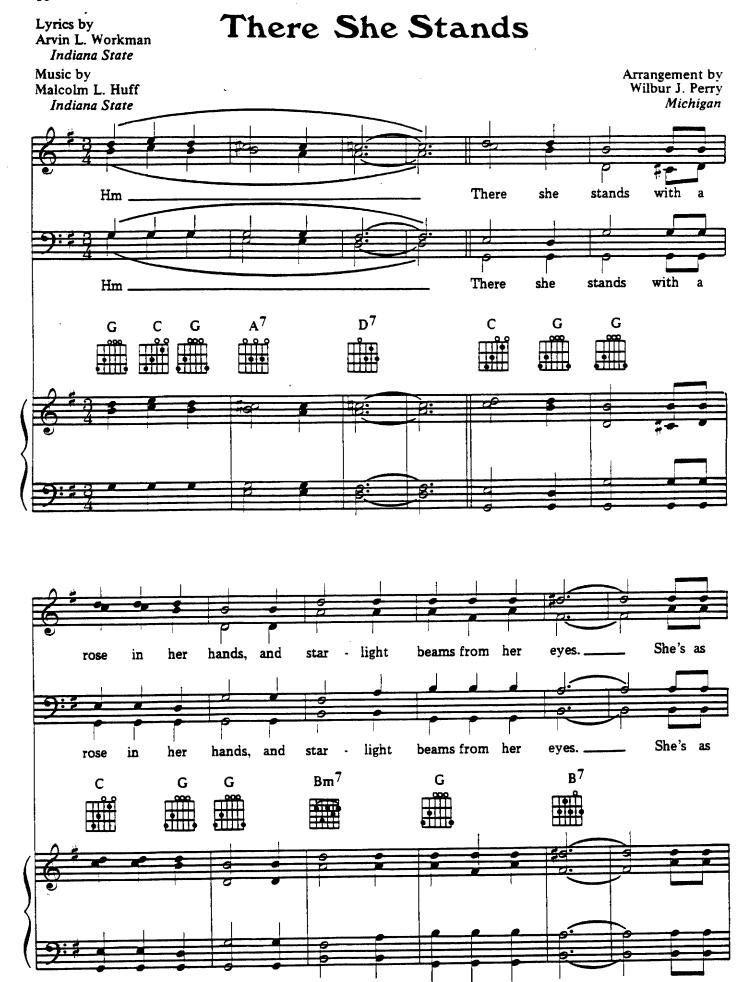


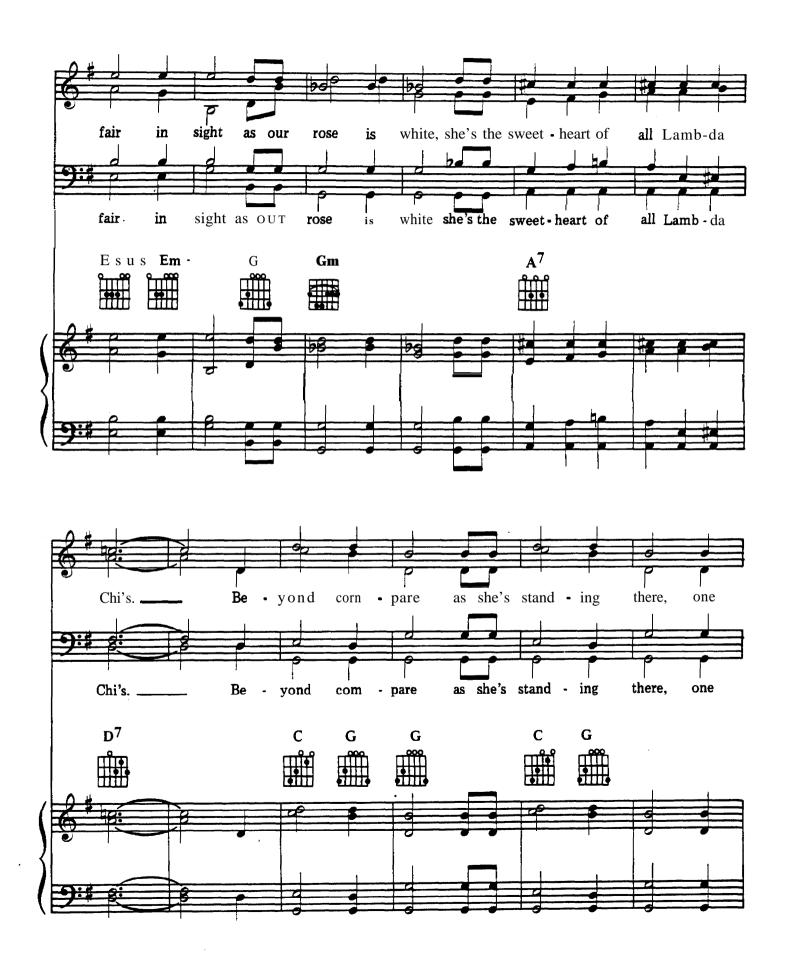
Begin with the chapter divided into two groups (A & B). Both groups sing verses 1. 2, and 3 together. On the last note of verse 3, group A holds the note, while group B suns in with the Chorus. Let group B sang the Chorus once while group A is still holding on, then everybody sing the Chorus the second time.

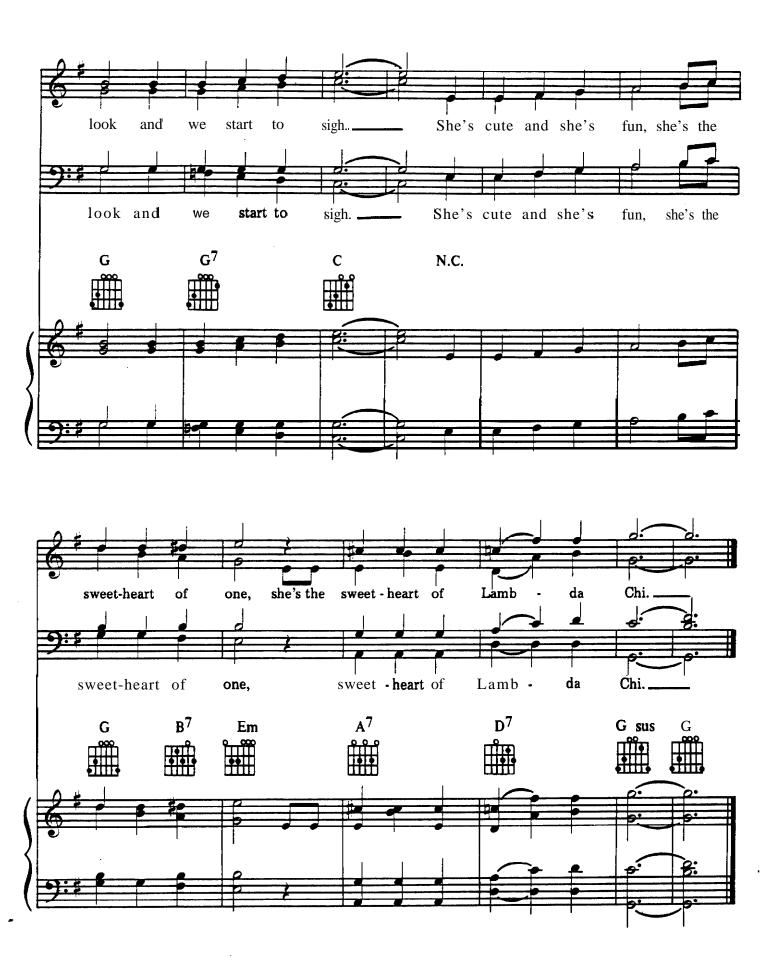
On the third round of the Chorus, group A sings the Refrain, while group B continues with the Chorus. Keep in the same tempo (don't go too fast) and when group A is done with the Refrain, then everybody sings the Chorus together one more time. For a big finish, have everybody sing Hm — after the last note.

So the song goes like this:
A: Verse 1,2,3A: holds note, Refrain, Chorus, Hm —
B: Verse 1, 2, 3B: Chorus — , Hm —

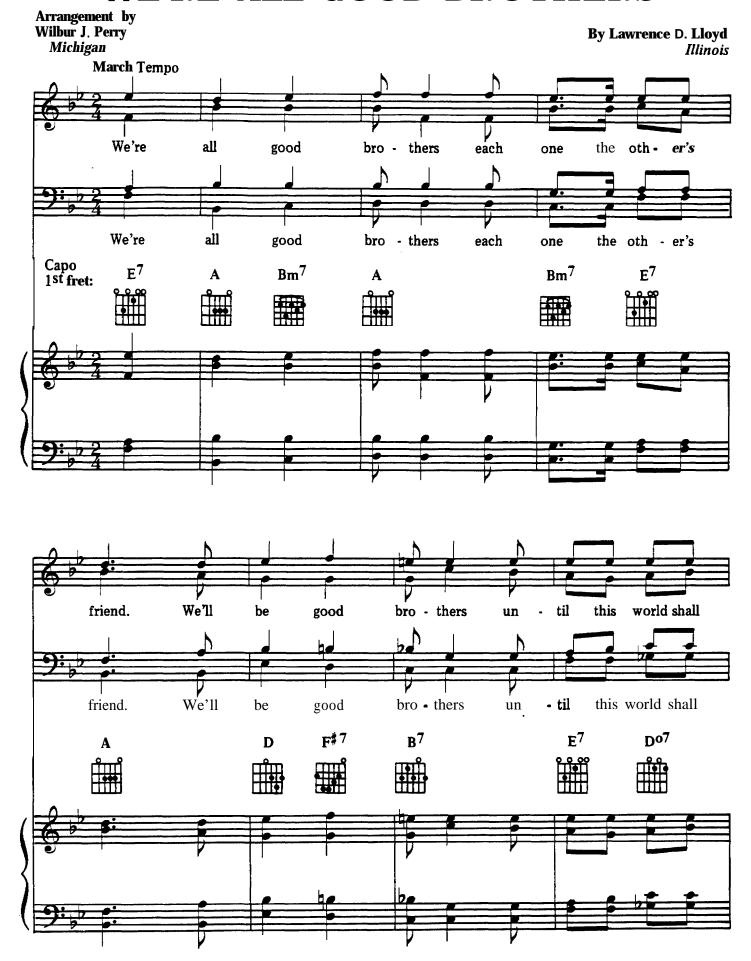
Believe it or not, this song is really easy and looks and sounds impressive.

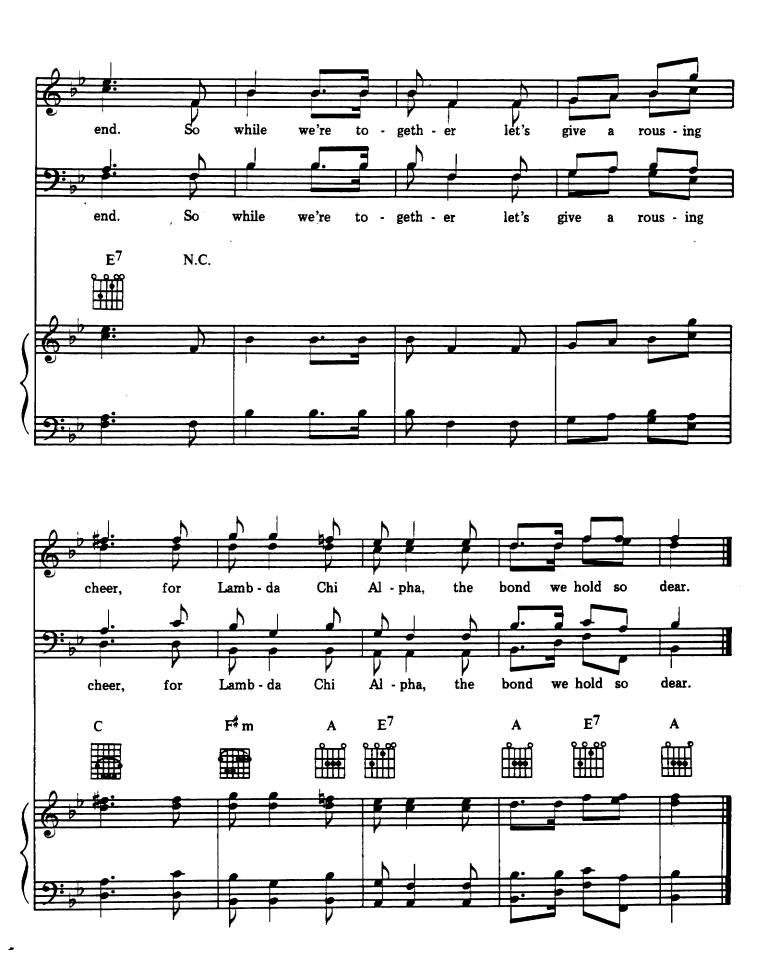


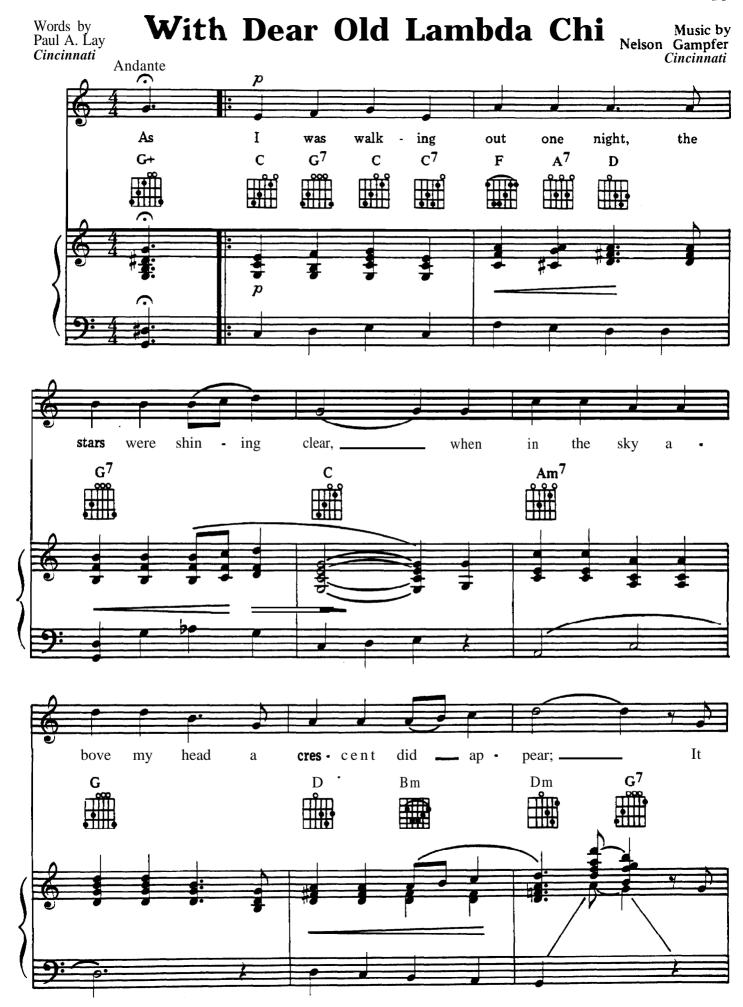




WE'RE ALL GOOD BROTHERS









Hymn To Lambda Chi Alpha





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