

How Can I Keep From Singing?

C **F**
 My life flows on in endless song
C **G**
 Above earth's lamentation,
C **F**
 I hear the real, though far-off hymn
C **G** **C**
 That hails a new creation.

Em **C**
 Through all the tumult and the strife
Am **Em**
 I hear its music ringing,
C **G**
 It sounds an echo in my soul.
F **C**
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C **F**
 When tyrants tremble sick with fear
C **G**
 And hear their death knell ringing,
C **F**
 When friends rejoice both far and near
C **G** **C**
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Em **C**
 In prison cell and dungeon vile
Am **Em**
 Our thoughts to them are winging,
C **G**
 When friends by shame are undefiled
F **C**
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C **F**
 While though the tempest loudly roars,
C **G**
 I hear the truth, it liveth.
C **F**
 And though the darkness 'round me close,
C **G** **C**
 Songs in the night it giveth.

Em **C**
 No storm can shake my inmost calm,
Am **Em**
 While to that rock I'm clinging.
C **G**
 Since love is lord of heaven and earth
F **C**
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C **F**
 I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin,
C **G**
 I see the blue above it.
C **F**
 And day by day this pathway smooths,
C **G** **C**
 since first I learned to love it.

Em **C**
 The peace from love makes fresh my heart,
Am **Em**
 a song of hope is springing.
C **F** **G**
 All things are mine since Truth I've found:
Am **G** **C**
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