# Ananda Songbook

Vocal Melodies of Swami Kriyananda







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#### **DEDICATION**

For Ananda musicians, these songs have been our nearly daily companions since we first discovered them. They have become the inner soundtrack of our spiritual aspiration. They grow sweeter with each passing year as they gradually reveal more of their meaning.

May they do the same for you.

Swami Kriyananda described this music as something he received. He called it *Inner Quest Music* and *Music of Divine Joy* among other names. But perhaps this says it best: "a new kind of music that expresses spiritual aspiration and a desire for a more meaningful way of life."

For a long time, Swamiji's written music has been accessible only to a few: mostly choir members and instrumentalists. With this new songbook, his vocal melodies are available to everyone. This has been a two year labor of love, refining each song so that you can easily read and sing the melody. All the lyrics are included. Chords are provided for easy accompanying in the range best for you.

Whether you hum in the shower, sing in your car, or even if you think you can't sing, this songbook is for you. May it become a dog-eared companion: well-worn, and well-loved.

This songbook is dedicated to Swamiji. Words don't begin to thank him for this gift, but if you sing these songs, you'll feel his smile inside.

This collection is also dedicated to Jeannie Tschantz, who has devoted a lifetime in service to this beautiful music on everyone's behalf. Heartfelt thanks to Asha for inspiring this project.

#### How to use

There are 3 ways to look up songs: a **table of contents**, a handy **first line index**, and by **category**. The table of contents follows this page. It includes links to the other indexes at the end of the collection.

#### For individuals

Sing in any key you like, using the music as a helpful guide. Chords are provided for those who wish to accompany yourself or others. Many songs provide a second set of easy-to-play chords above the original chords. Using a guitar and capo, move the capo up or down to sing in any key. If you've ever wanted to learn guitar or piano, now you have a good reason to start.

#### For group singing

For high songs, you'll see a suggested guitar capo for group singing. Low voices will thank you. This book can also be used by guitarists/pianists accompanying Ananda choirs.

- If a song suggests "No capo for group singing," remove the capo and play the top set of chords. If a song says "Capo 2 for group singing," play the top chords with capo 2.
- To transpose on a digital keyboard: capo 5 = up 5 half steps; capo 2 = up 2 half steps.

**Digital edition notes:** All indices are linked. Tapping the title/page number at the bottom of each song returns you to the table of contents. The icon links to available web recordings or resources.

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## Brave Were the People

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by Swami Kriyananda



1. Brave were the peo-ple who lived in these hills.

Brave, the great war-riors who con-

2. Glad all our chil-dren who peo-ple these hills, Glad in the vi - sion their\_\_\_



front - ed the foe. To de - fend what is ho - ly, to de - fend what is true: Our Lord on manhearts un - der - stand. What be - came of past strug-gles? Now the rec-ords are still, But cour-age still



kind did this du - ty be \_\_ - stow. lin - gers, giving strength to the land.

Men hun-ger for rich-es, for pow'r, and for



fame: By fa - vor they think they will grow.

The bat - tles they



repeat first verse

1. Brave were the people who lived in these hills.

Brave, the great warriors who confronted the foe.

To defend what is holy, to defend what is true:

Our Lord on mankind did this duty bestow.

Glad all our children who people these hills,
 Glad in the vision their hearts understand.
 What became of past struggles? Now the records are still,

But courage still lingers, giving strength to the land.

Men hunger for riches, for pow'r, and for fame;
By favor they think they will grow.
The battles they fight, the vict'ries they win
Are never the vict'ries they know!

repeat first verse

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#### **Brothers**

*Guitar intro:* D | D - - - | D - - - | G - A - | D - - - |

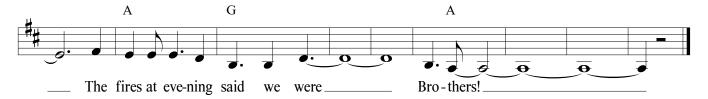
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1. I've lived in man-y coun-tries And mixed with man-y men. \_\_\_\_ I've shared their days of



sun - shine, Gone with them in the rain. \_\_\_\_ The fires at eve-ning said we were bro - thers. \_\_\_



1. I've lived in many countries

And mixed with many men.

I've shared their days of sunshine,

Gone with them in the rain.

The fires at evening said we were brothers.

The fires at evening said we were — Brothers!

2. A soldier I saw weeping

Beside a dying friend.

My officers had said

I must hate him till the end.

But seeing his grief, I knew we were brothers.

But seeing his grief I knew we were —

Brothers!

3. A man sat on a doorstep

To see the children play.

The gentle way he smiled there

Would charm your fears away.

A stranger, he, but love made us brothers.

A stranger, he, but love made us —

Brothers!

4. One day I climbed a mountain

With friends of other lands.

The words we used were different,

But joy one understands.

Our gladness in God's world made us brothers.

Our gladness in God's world made us —

Brothers!

5. Though words and customs vary

Like waves upon the sea,

One life beneath the surface

Binds everyone to me.

Who knows the truth knows all men as brothers.

Who knows the truth knows all men as —

**Brothers!** 

6. Then brothers, why endeavor

To set ourselves apart?

The fences we've been building

Squeeze tight upon our hearts!

Come sing the truth that all men are brothers!

Come sing the truth that all men are —

Brothers!

# Good Night, Sweetheart

by Swami Kriyananda



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What do you feel

The night may reveal?

Darkness can't harm you,

Its fears are unreal.

Light will enfold you;

Just open your heart:

Let peace through your dreams gently steal.

Good night, Sweetheart,

I'll see you in the morning.

Till then, sleep tight; sweet dreams!

Starlight, Sweetheart, Your golden hair adorning,

Bring peace on silv'ry beams.

Though sep'rate for awhile, The mem'ry of your smile Will linger in my heart, And bless me.

Now flow, Sweetheart, All cares and troubles scorning, Adrift on astral streams.

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## Home Is a Green Hill

by Swami Kriyananda



1. Home is a green hill.

Home is a wind,

Blowing betrayal far, far away.

Home is the knowledge

Heaven is near.

Home's the end of the fray.

2. Home is my heart's land.

Home's where I am.

Nothing can dim the light of my soul.

Home is forever.

Home is today.

Home's a heart that is whole.

3. Often I dream

That life is a play:

Laughter forever,

And skies never gray.

But when I'm silent,

Freed from all care,

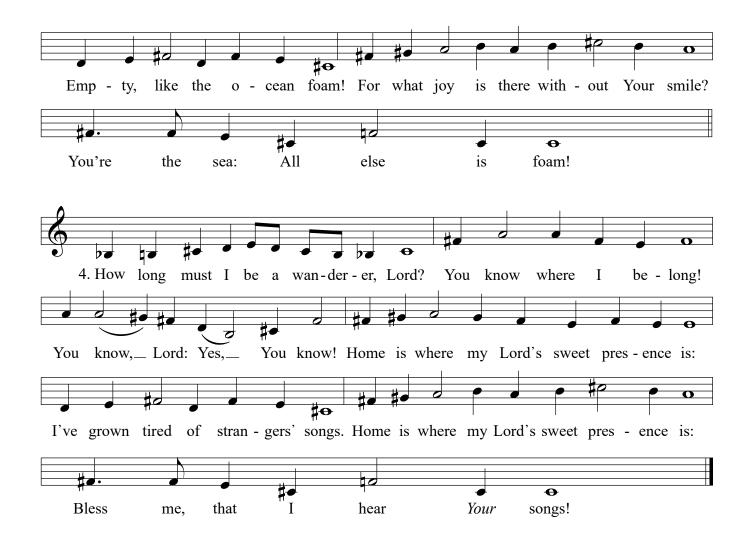
I discover my home's

Everywhere!

repeat first verse

# I've Passed My Life as a Stranger, Lord

*Drone:* C# F# F# F# by Swami Kriyananda Freely 1. I've passed my life as a stran-ger, Lord, Roamed far in for - eign lands. Far, Lord, far\_ far! On - ly he who knows he's far too home,  $\mathbf{o}$ ‡o Lord, un - der - stands. On - ly he who knows he's far from On - ly he, home #0  $\overline{\mathbf{o}}$ Feels the earth, and der stands. un times a stran-ger did take in; Then love I thought was near: Lord where\_\_\_ love? is As the winds up - on the de - sert sand As soft winds breathe on the Whis - per hope, then dis - ap - pear: de - sert sand, **O** So dis love sighs, then ap pears. 3. Some - times did pause, And dreamed of joys at home: child laughed, and I Joys,\_\_ Lord — on - ly a dream! For what joy is there with - out Your smile?



- I've passed my life as a stranger, Lord,
   Roamed far in foreign lands.
   Far, Lord, far too far!
   Only he who knows he's far from home,
   Only he, Lord, understands.
   Only he who knows he's far from home
   Feels the earth, and understands.
- 2. Sometimes a stranger did take me in;
  Then love I thought was near:
  Love, Lord where is love?
  As the winds upon the desert sand
  Whisper hope, then disappear:
  As soft winds breathe on the desert sand,
  So love sighs, then disappears.
- 3. Sometimes a child laughed, and I did pause,
  And dreamed of joys at home:
  Joys, Lord only a dream!
  For what joy is there without Your smile?
  Empty, like the ocean foam!
  For what joy is there without Your smile?
  You're the sea: All else is foam!
- 4. How long must I be a wanderer, Lord?
  You know where I belong!
  You know, Lord: Yes, You know!
  Home is where my Lord's sweet presence is:
  I've grown tired of strangers' songs.
  Home is where my Lord's sweet presence is:
  Bless me, that I hear *Your* songs!

# Springtime in Romania

from Romanian Memories by Swami Kriyananda



Springtime in Romania! Gay songs under trees, Bright flowers in the meadows: Sunlit memories.

Shepherds' flutes still echo Down the twisting years. Gypsy violins still play: Laughter tinged with tears!

Still the soft notes linger In the fading light, Touching hearts with sadness: Dewdrops in the night!

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his songbook is a companion for the journey of life. The lyrics are a guide to living wisely and well. The music helps open our hearts to a greater reality, within and all around us.

But don't take our word for it. Sing it for yourself. This music is for your personal enjoyment, group sing-alongs, and performance.

This collection is all of Swami Kriyananda's vocal melodies in one place for the first time. Each song is easy to read and sing, without additional choral parts or elaborate instrumentation. Beginning guitarists and pianists will find nearly everything easy to play.

Swamiji composed over 400 pieces of music. Though he often consciously drew this inspiration, there were many times a melody came into his awareness, asking to be written down and shared. He was moved to tears as he composed, describing the process as receiving from a higher source. "This music is not my music. It is a new consciousness coming into the world as music."

Music touches us deeply, in a way that bypasses the conscious mind. Singing can uplift our consciousness, overcoming moods and challenging attitudes. Some people have been healed just listening to this music. May these songs enrich your life, opening new worlds of self-discovery and joy.





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