

43. When We Are Singing

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Music: *Somos del Señor*, Mexican hymn
arr. Padworski

♩ = 40

Melody

1. When we are sing - ing, we are bound to -
 2. Through times of trou - ble, through times of
 3. When we are help - ing, we can be our

Harmony

geth - er, when we are shar - ing, we are free to
 pain, we of - fer heal - ing, like a gen - tle
 best, when we are lov - ing, hurt is put to

be. Both in our sing - ing and in our shar - ing,
 rain. Both in our heal - ing and in our car - ing,
 rest. Both in our help - ing and in our lov - ing,

we are bring - ing change, we are mak - ing peace.

Chords: D, Em/D, D, Em7, A7(b9), D, Em/D, D, Em7, A7(b9), D, D/F#, Em, D, Gadd9, G, Em7, A7(b9), F#m, Bm, Em/B, Bm, Em7, Em7/A, A7(b9), D

Performance Suggestion:

- For treble voices, sing lowest harmony an octave higher.

Though this tune appears in hymnals in the United States credited as "Traditional Mexican," it has no characteristics of Mexican indigenous music, and no one knows who composed it originally. Its first written appearance was in the songbook "Celebremos II" in 1983, transcribed from an interview with a Mexican woman in Los Angeles following a worship service. It may have been composed in the 1960s. - Ahmed Anzaldúa, co-editor

Kevin writes: "I wrote this text and arranged the song with the hope that through the practice of singing together, even those with seemingly unsurpassable differences find common ground and community."

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