

# telling our story

## songs of commitment and affirmation

### AIM

Here are some songs of personal commitment and affirmation. It is mentioned on page 39 of the booklet 'Exploring Evangelism'.

### INTRODUCTION

Do you ever find a tune going round and round in your head which you can't dislodge? A phrase from the bible or a hymn can have the same effect, and can help to nourish us at different stages of faith, or through different life challenges. Repeating a verse or chorus can also help us devise our own memorised patterns of prayer. You might like to make your own list, but here are some examples to get you started.

### Examples

1. All I once held dear	Graham Kendrick	CH4 506
2. As the deer longs for the waters	Martin Nystrom	MP 37
3. Dear Master, in whose life I see	John Hunter	R&S 493
4. Father I place into your hands	Jenny Hewer	R&S 518
5. Give to me Lord a thankful heart	Caryl Micklem	R&S497
6. I have decided to follow Jesus	(Anon)	MP 272
7. I heard the voice of Jesus say	Horatius Bonar	R&S 349
8. I the Lord of sea and sky	Daniel L. Schutte	CH4 251
9. I waited, I waited for the Lord	Iona	WG1 134
10. Jesus, I come trusting your kindness	Shirley Murray	AA 79
11. May the mind of Christ my Saviour	Katie Wilkinson	CH4 536
12. Mothering God, you gave me birth	Jean Janzen	CH4 117
13. My Jesus, my Saviour	Darlene Zschech	CH4 531
14. O God, you are my God alone	Psalm 63 (John Bell)	CH4 43
15. O Lord, hear my prayer	Taizé	R&S 398
16. Take my gifts and let me love you	Shirley Murray	AA 127
17. Take, O take me as I am	John Bell	CH4 -795
18. Take this moment, time and space	John Bell	CG 122
19. Were I the perfect child (Believers Baptism)	Wild Goose	IW 24
20. When I survey	Isaac Watts	R&S 217
21. You are before me Lord	Psalm 139 (Pitt-Watson)	R&S 731

Key:

R&S – Rejoice and Sing; CH4 – Church Hymnary 4; MP – Combined Mission Praise;

CG – Common Ground; AA – Alleluia Aotearoa; IW – Iona Worship Book;

WG1 – Wild Goose Volume 1

Maybe you'd like to learn one of these you don't already know to use in a service of commitment and affirmation.

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Prayer (from page 47 of the booklet)

No farmer stops sowing seed in case some is wasted

**Lord, give us your generosity.**

One sows, another waters but God causes the growth

**Lord, help us to work together and trust in you.**

Proclaim the word in season and out of season

**Lord, make us lifelong sowers of your good news.**

## EVALUATION

Please try to answer these questions for yourself and for others who will use this material:

1. What was the most helpful thing?
2. What was the least helpful thing?
3. What would you like to try now?

## THE NEXT STEP

There are more materials for sharing your own story on the website

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