I WILL SING

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God has given us a joy inside that no one can take away. Even when we feel down and discouraged, we have the joy of the Lord deep down inside. We need only to allow it to surface.

Years ago I had a great Auntie who continually hummed. You couldn't tell what she was humming and I don't know if she knew Jesus as her Savior or not, but there was a song down inside of her somewhere.

Today I have a friend who sings or hums a great deal of the time. She is a bubble and most always happy. Her joy comes out in little tunes she sings or hums about Jesus. They are recognizable tunes.

Quite a difference in what we sing when we know Jesus personally. It's easy to get to know Him if you want to. Ask the Lord to forgive your sins and call upon the name of the Lord, inviting His Holy Spirit to come and live inside of you. You too will have the joy of the Lord in your life. Things always go better with Jesus!

When I study, or have lots of work to do on the computer, I most always play soft worship music. It stirs up my spirit and gets the fire of the Holy Spirit moving inside of me. In other words, it inspires me!

God didn't give us a song inside for nothing. It is a way of expressing ourselves to Him when we want to worship Him or when we get excited about something that has happened.

Haven't you ever broken out in song just because you were happy? Oh sure you have! How about when you were in the shower? I didn't say it had to be great singing! We can make a joyful noise unto the Lord and He is pleased.

He is so worthy of our praise. He does so much for us and it is one way of saying, "Thank You", to Him.

When you listen to music on your radio do you really listen to the words that are being sung, or are you just hearing a melody? Next time pay attention to the words. Do they edify you and make you feel good, or do they talk about killing yourself and you are a no good dirty worthless nothing? Stop listening to that kind of music. Your day will go much better when you listen to good music. There is so much to choose from.

When my husband and I travel we like a variety of music. Some we listen to causes us both to break out in song. One of my favorite things to do when we travel is singing harmony with my husband. It makes the trip go faster and it lifts our spirits. It helps us to relax and leave our cares behind.

I didn't say I like all the music he listens to and he doesn't like all I listen to, but we do a variety and that keeps us both happy. I am not into Bluegrass music, but if the words are good, I can listen to it. He doesn't always appreciate slow Worship like I do. He says it makes him sleepy. Why? Because it causes you to relax as God's Presence comes on the scene and begins to minister to you.

Some of the greatest moves of the Holy Spirit happen in church when there has been wonderful unity in worship. I'm not talking about singing songs about who we are and what we want. I'm talking about the songs that tell the Lord how much we love Him

and how much He means to us. The kind of songs that tell how great He is brings in His presence. It's all about Him, not us. When they are songs about us, it keeps us focused on self rather than on our precious Lord.

Don't be afraid to sing your songs of joy. When the Lord helps me conquer something new I have to learn, I get excited and begin to sing praises to Him. It just comes up out of my spirit because I have taken time to put it in. It's just like the Word. When you take time to put it into your heart, it will come to your thinking at the times you need to be encouraged or need to know how to answer someone. It is always there to minister to you.

Be joyful today and sing to the Lord. Create one yourself if you need to. Little children make up songs all the time and we are so blest by them. Think how happy your song will make the Lord.