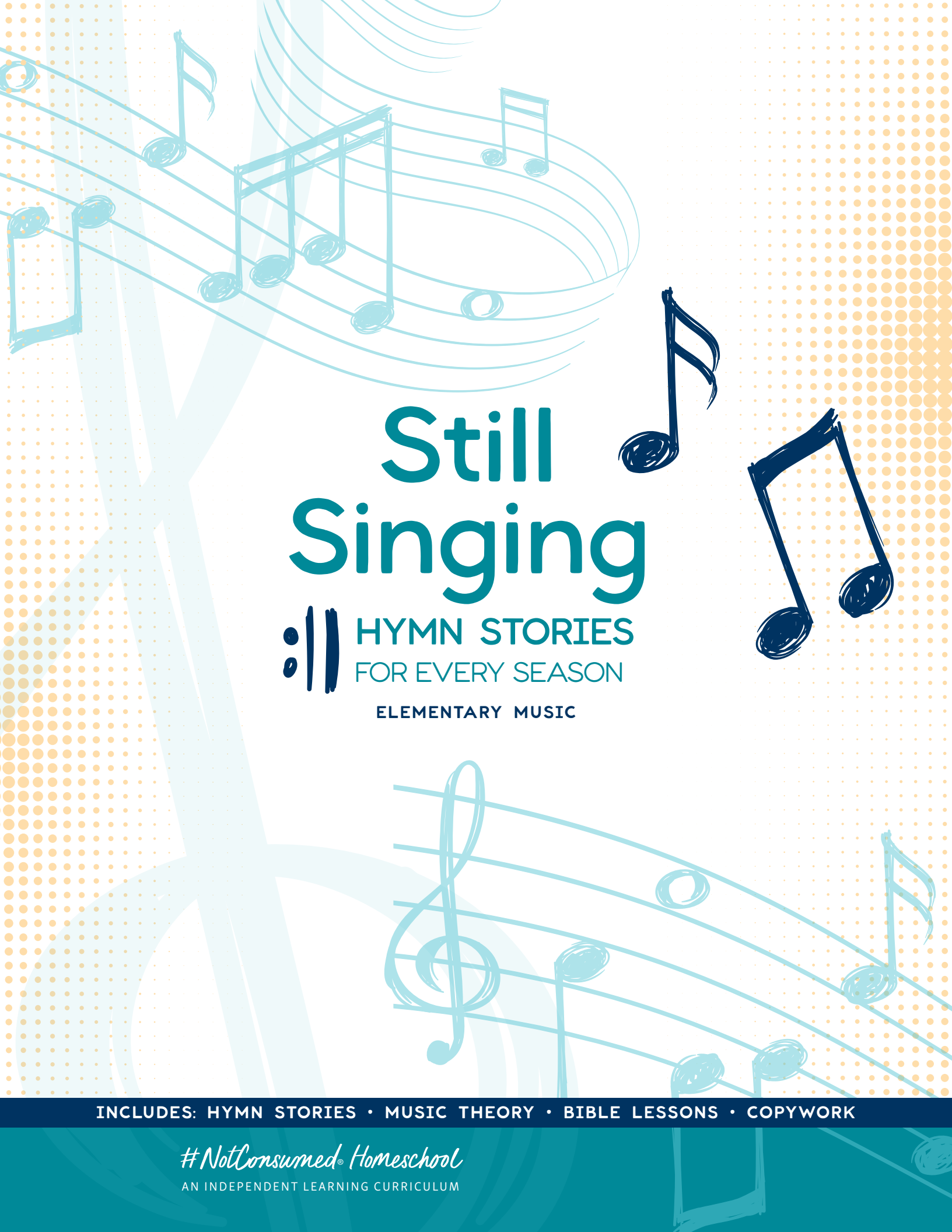




Still Singing



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He Keeps Me Singing the story

Have you ever noticed how powerful music can be? A song can help us memorize Scripture, remember God's truth in a situation, or encourage us to keep trusting God even when life gets tough. This whole book is filled with hymns people have been using for hundreds of years to help them do those things, and I can't wait to share them with you!

Although it's not the oldest hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing" is the first one we are going to study because it tells the story of how God keeps us singing no matter what happens in life. As the title of the book says, we want to live a life "Still Singing" His praises.

"He Keeps Me Singing" was written by Luther Bridgers in 1910. As a pastor in Kentucky, you might say Luther had it all. He was good at his job and well respected as an evangelist and church planter. He had a wonderful wife and three precious boys.

One night while visiting family, the house caught on fire. His wife and all three boys were killed. As you might imagine, he suffered deep sadness and even felt as though he no longer wanted to live. But he clung to God's Word and the promise that God comforts us with "songs in the night" as recorded by Job and the psalmist. He knew that even though we may feel overwhelmed by the hardships in life, this truth keeps us singing God's praises.

This beautiful promise became the lyrics of one of my favorite hymns, "He Keeps Me Singing." Verse 4 hints at the tragedy that Luther himself faced that night when all seemed lost in the fire.



It's so encouraging to note that Luther trusted God through his grief and went on to become an evangelist both in the United States and, during World War I, in Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Russia. He was also blessed with another wife and son. What an amazing encouragement his life and hymn have been to people for generations as they too face the "night seasons" or hardships of life.



Hymn study

HYMN NAME

WRITTEN BY

YEAR WRITTEN

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

AUTHOR FACTS







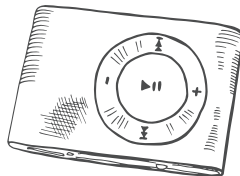
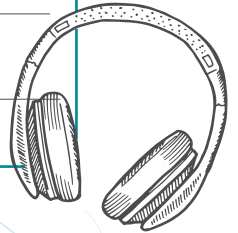












Tell about the story
behind the hymn.





Bible lesson

Have you ever felt like the nighttime was scary? Many of us are afraid of the darkness because we don't know what's there. This is true about the physical darkness in our room, but also about the dark times in life. When hard things happen in our lives, we usually don't know what will happen next, and that makes us feel worried and afraid.

Let's read **Psalm 42:8**. What does God give us?

in the day: _____ **in the night:** _____

God's love surrounds us every single day, and He reminds us of this love by giving us a song in the nighttime.

Now let's look at **Psalm 77:1–4**. How would you describe the feelings Asaph—the author of this psalm—is expressing? →

Read **Psalm 77:6**. What two words tell us what we should do with the song God gives us in the night?

1: _____ **2:** _____

The Bible tells us to remember and meditate on (think about) the truth about God that He gives to us through song. That's exactly what Asaph does here.

Read **Psalm 77:11–15**. What are some things Asaph remembers, ponders, and thinks about? →

Remembering and thinking over God's mightiness, strength, and wonderful works changes Asaph's feelings and attitude! When he thinks about God's greatness, Asaph is filled with awe and praise for God. Just like Asaph, we can be encouraged during hard times by remembering God's greatness and goodness through song!

God is strong enough to keep us singing even in the night seasons or hardships of life.

What song would you like to sing to God right now? Write down a couple ideas for what you would want it to say. →



Copywork

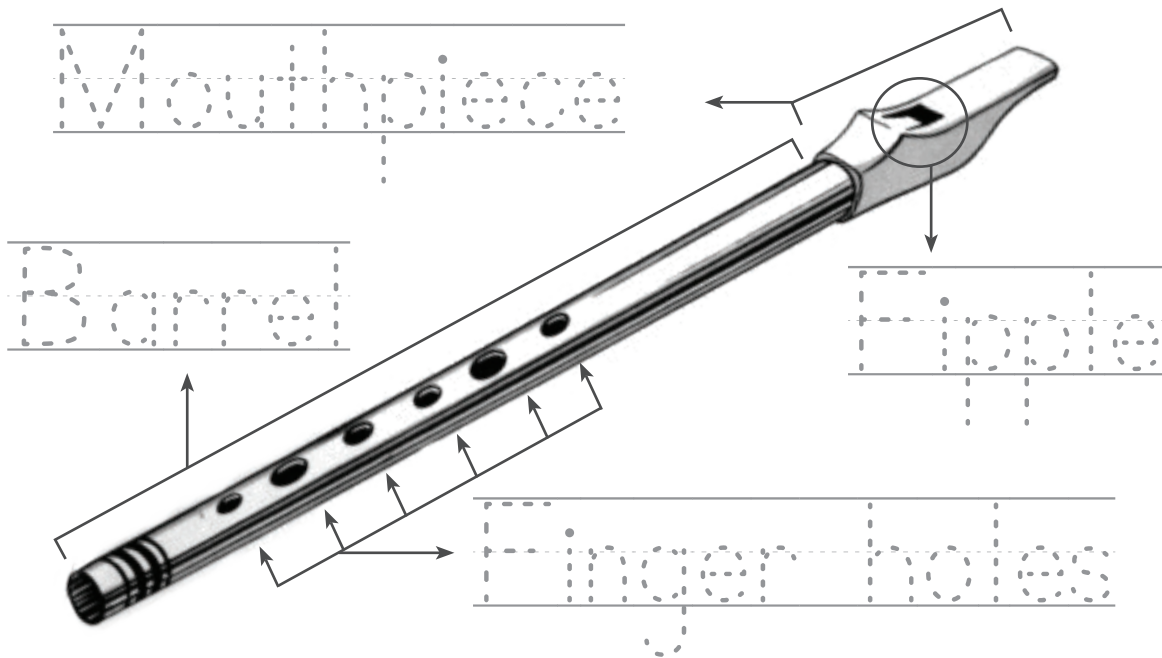
There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,
In all of life's ebb and flow.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest Name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline. There are 10 sets of these lines provided for copying the text.



Music theory

Label the parts of the tin whistle.



Color in the fingering for the D scale. Play the D scale on your tin whistle.

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Practice holding the tin whistle properly.



Practice making loud and soft sounds.



Play the D scale.



Play the hymn.



Activity

Name your favorite songs. Under each title, write or draw something you love about that song.

TITLE



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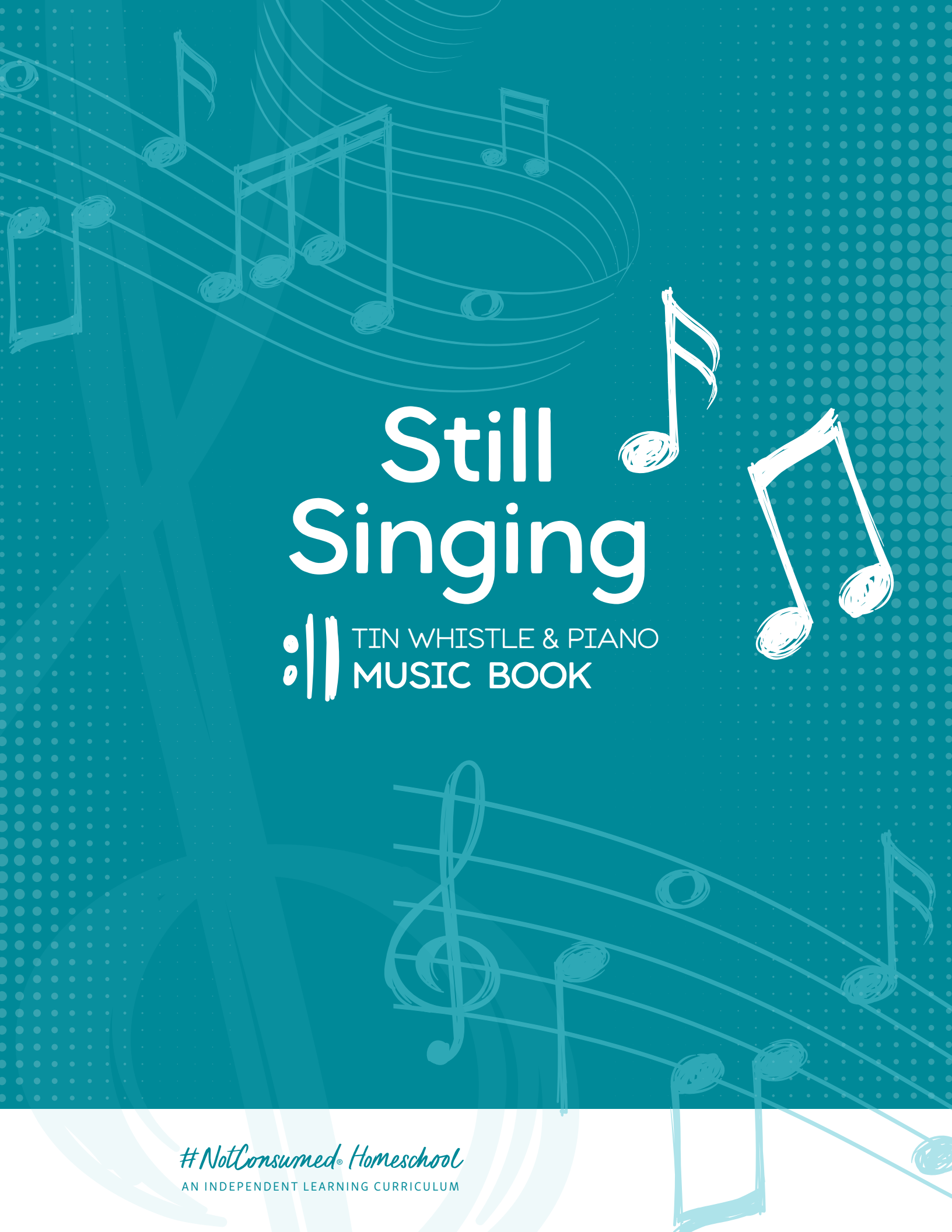
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In addition to learning why these hymns are treasures of the Christian faith and how they can help us trust God, you will learn history, penmanship, and music theory as you study each hymn in this book.



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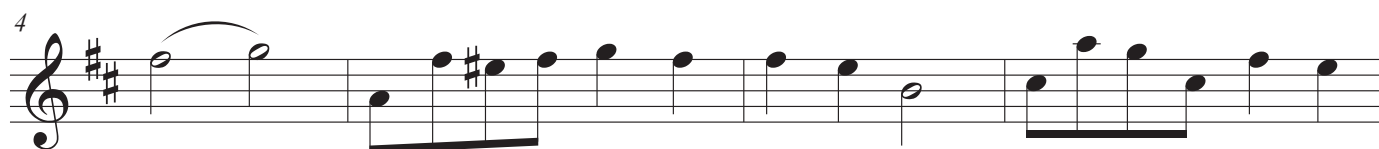
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Words & Music: Luther Bridges



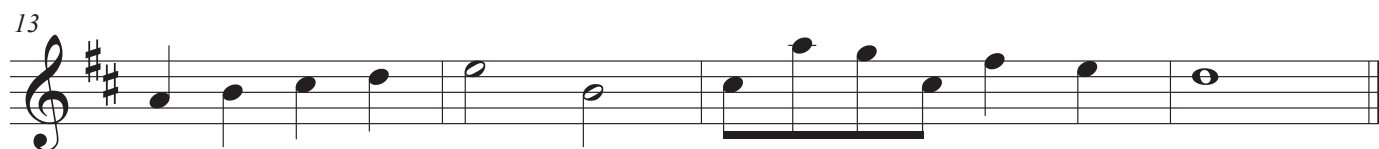
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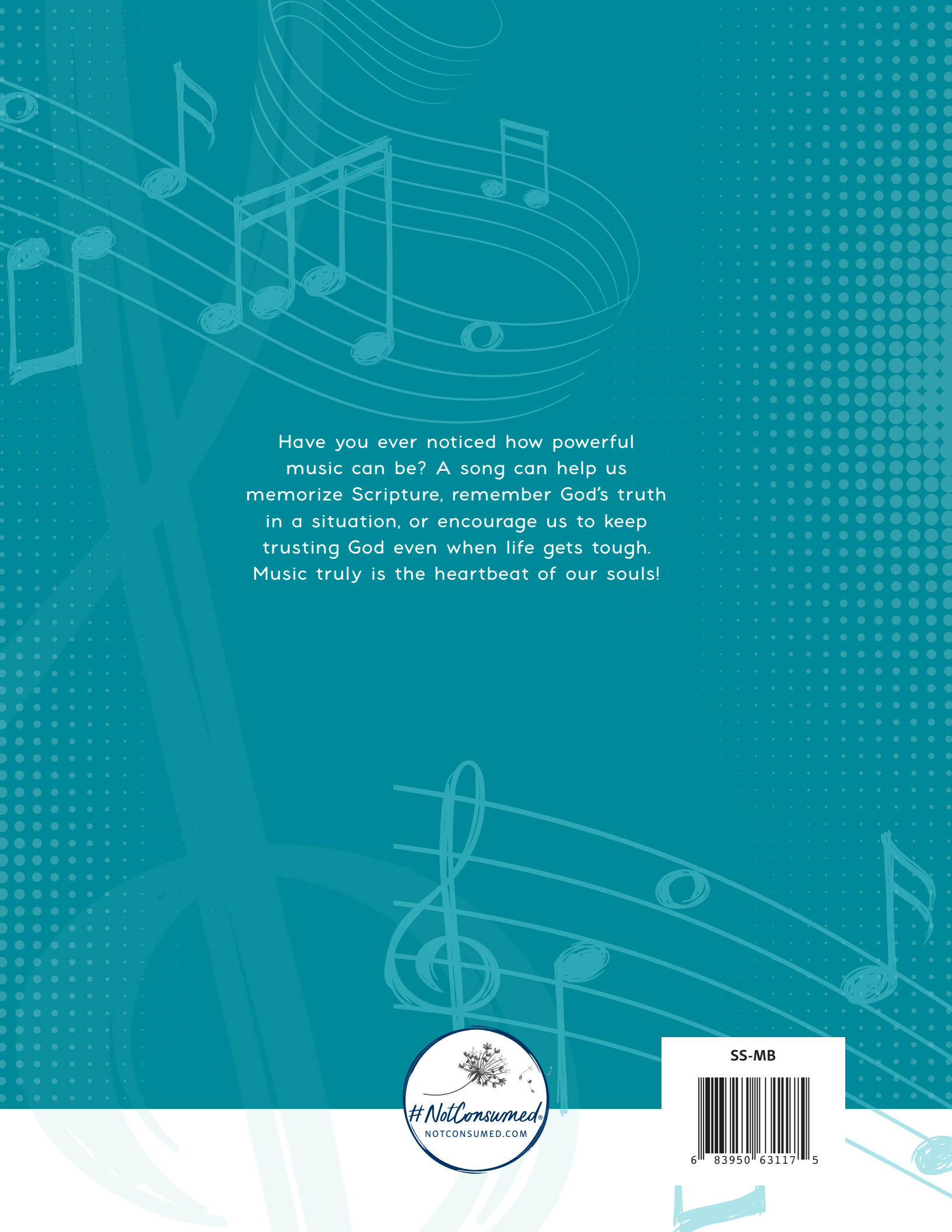
1. There's with - in my heart a me - lo - dy
 2. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
 3. Though some - times he leads through wa - ters deep,
 4. Feas - ting on the rich - es of his grace,
 5. Soon he's co - ming back to wel - come me

Je - sus whis - pers sweet and low:— Fear not, I am with thee,
 dis - cord filled my heart with pain;— Je - sus swept a - cross the
 tri - als fall a - cross the way,— though some - times the path seems
 re - sting neath his shel - tering wing,— al - ways look - ing on his
 far be - yond the star - ry sky;— I shall wing my flight to

peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.
 bro - ken strings, stirred the slum - bering chords a - gain.
 rough and steep, see his foot - prints all the way.
 smi - ling face, that is why I shout and sing.
 worlds un - known; I shall reign with him on high.

Refrain

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