



- Not really a fan of “musicals”
 - Seems odd for people to just break out into songs that perfectly fit the situation and choreographed dancing.
- But sometimes I find myself singing songs I’ve heard in musicals anyway.
- Do people sometimes just break out into song?
 - Yes, maybe not like musicals...



- Birth of Jesus Announced to Mary: Luke 1:26-38



- Mary described as “favored one”
 - Greatly Troubled
 - Tried to discern
 - Afraid



- Angel: conceive, son, name Jesus
 - Great
 - Son of the Most High
 - Throne of David: reign forever, kingdom no end



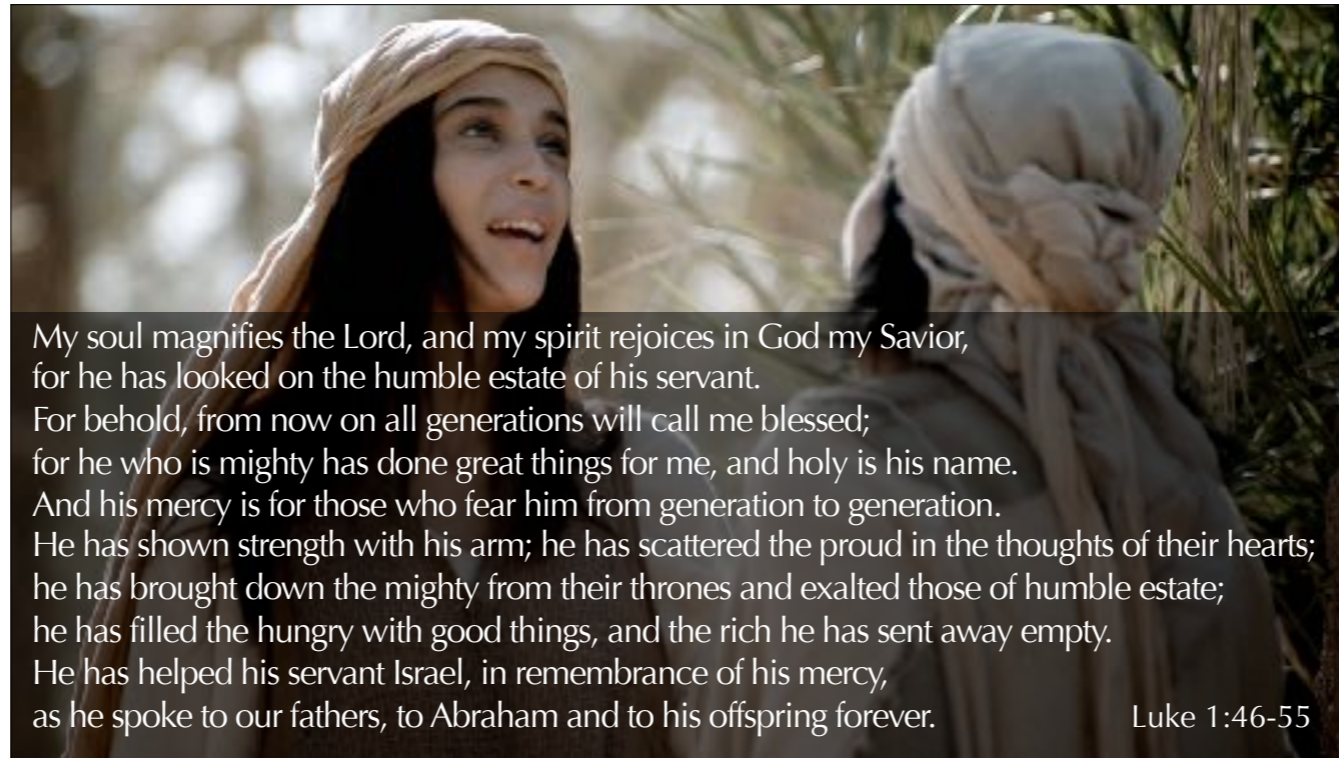
- How? Virgin!
 - What faith in God and God's law: purity
 - Holy Spirit (as opposed to a man, this is not about sex!)
 - Elizabeth has conceived
 - Nothing impossible with God.



- Mary Visits Elizabeth: Luke 1:39-45
 - Mary went with haste
 - Elizabeth's baby leapt in womb for JOY
 - Mary is blessed, and fruit of womb
- Mary responds with her own song of praise to God

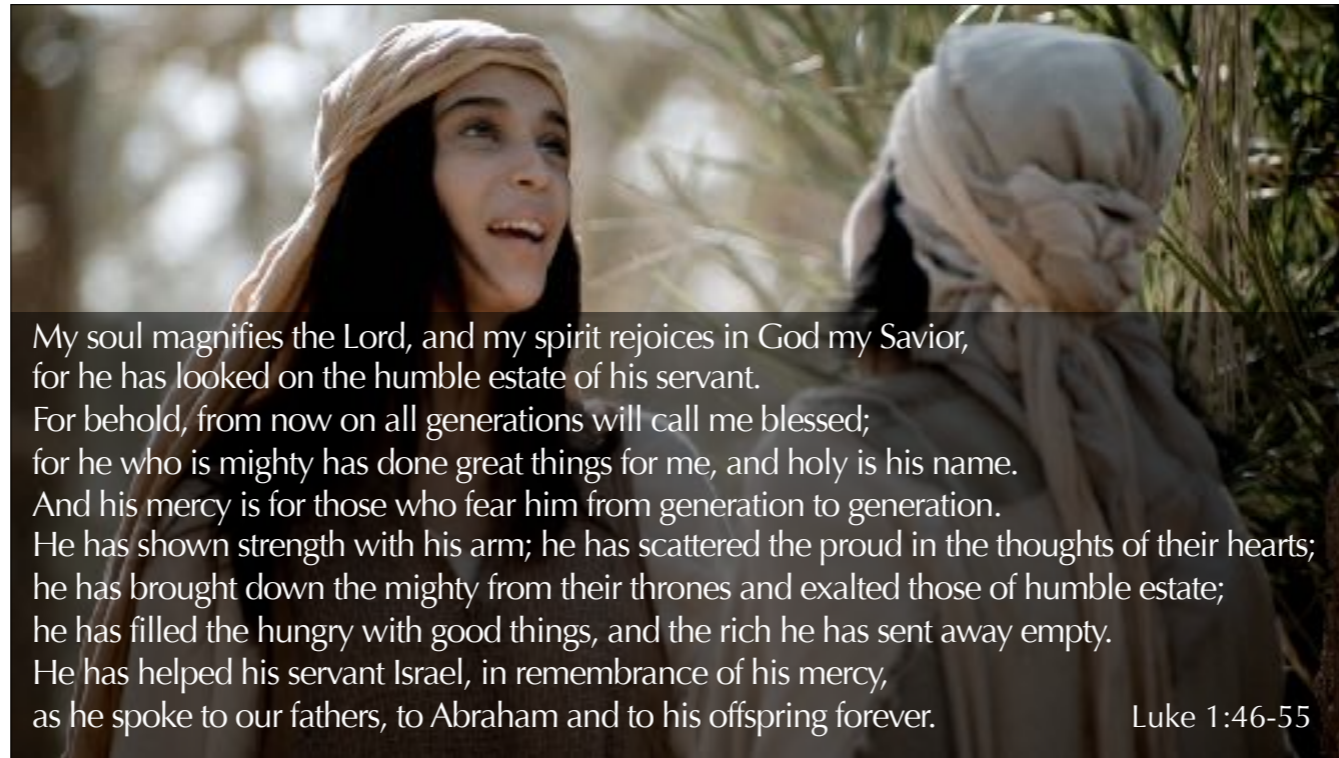


- Mary's song
 - Not a performance
 - Spontaneous
- Ephesians 5:19 (ESV) addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,
- Colossians 3:16 (ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



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for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;
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He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever. Luke 1:46-55

- Luke 1:46-55 (ESV) 46 And Mary said,
- “My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; 52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”



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Luke 1:46-55

- 4 Lessons

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Make Your Singing Personal

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- My soul
- My spirit
- His servant
- call me blessed
- done great things for me

Make Your Singing Personal



- What happens when our hymns are just songs we sing?
- What happens when our songs are mere words, sung without our hearts?
- Impersonal and distant; worship without depth and meaning.
- What happens when I make the song and the words my own?
 - Soul, Spirit, Heart
 - Clearly see my relationship with God.
 - Amazed.

Make Your Singing Personal

**I love you,
O Jehovah,
my strength.**
Psalm 18:1



- Psalms 18:1-6 (ESV)
- 1 I love you, O Lord, my strength.
- 2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.
- 4 The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; 5 the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. 6 In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

**Just As I Am
(I Come Broken)**

Singing of the Lord's Greatness

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- Magnify (to make great)
 - God
 - Might, Holy, Mercy, Strength

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- Magnify (to make great)
 - Work
 - Looked on
 - Done Great things
 - scattered proud, brought down mighty, rich sent away empty
 - exalted humble, filled hungry, helped Israel

Singing of the Lord's Greatness



- Do you see the greatness of Jehovah?
- Do you see his might each day?
- Do you see his strength in your life personally?
- Nature, Bible, Care for his People

Singing of the Lord's Greatness

**He bowed the heavens
and came down.**

Psalm 18:9



- Psalms 18:7-15 (ESV) 7 Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. 8 Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him. 9 He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet. 10 He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water. 12 Out of the brightness before him hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds. 13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. 14 And he sent out his arrows and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings and routed them. 15 Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

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*Behold, My servant will prosper,
He will be high and lifted up, and greatly exalted.*

Isaiah 52:13

A woman in a headscarf is singing joyfully, looking upwards. Another person, also in a headscarf, is seen from the back, looking towards the first woman. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with greenery.

Singing with Joy

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- rejoices in God my Savior
- humble estate of his servant
- done great thing for me

Singing with Joy



- Do you find joy when you think of Jehovah?
- Who he is.
- What he does for me: great things
- Salvation.
- Favor.

Singing with Joy



**He rescued me,
because He
delighted in me.**

Psalm 18:19

- Psalms 18:16-19 (ESV) 16 He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters. 17 He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. 18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my support. 19 He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

27 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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A woman in a headscarf is singing joyfully to another person whose back is to the camera. The scene is outdoors with trees in the background.

Singing of His Promises

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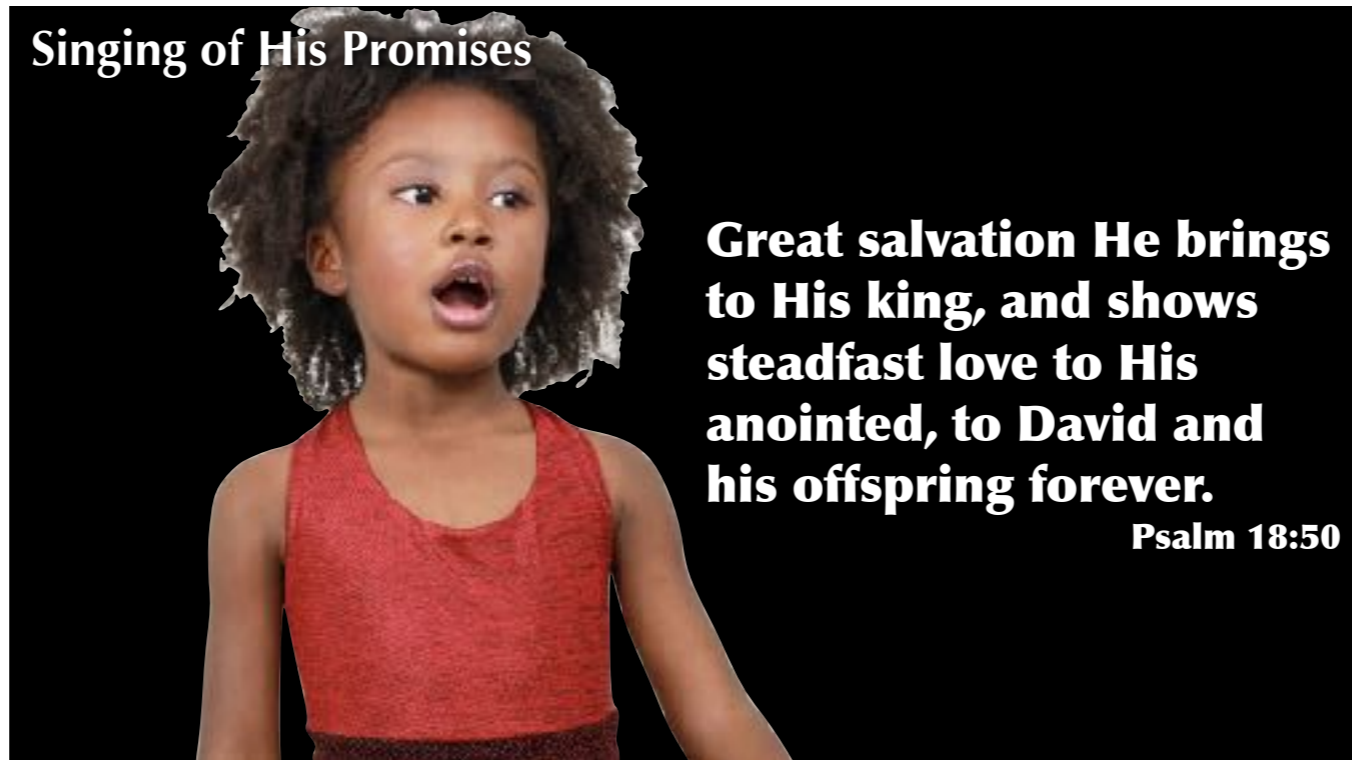
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- Our Father makes great promises: eternal in scope
- He keeps his promises: sometimes it takes along time!
- You can trust him.
- He is faithful, He loves you, He wants to save you.



- Psalms 18:46-50 (ESV) 46 The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation— 47 the God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me, 48 who rescued me from my enemies; yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from the man of violence. 49 For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name. 50 Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

360 ~ Standing On The Promises

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**My soul magnifies
the Lord,
And my spirit
rejoices in God
my Savior.**

Luke 1:46-47



- Like Mary: SING
 - Spontaneously
- Personal
- Greatness
- Rejoice
- Promises

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Mary's Song

Luke 1:46-55

Synopsis: Mary's song when she visits Elizabeth is a powerful reminder that as God's people, we need to be singing about Him and our relationship with Him: 1) Make your singing personal; 2) Sing of His Greatness; 3) Sing with Joy; 4) Sing of His Promises.

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