Rounds
and
Chants

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This winter I put out an invitation to composers to submit original rounds and chants to be introduced at GALA Festival 2012. The compositions needed to teachable by rote in 5 minutes or less and available to be freely shared, printed, taught, sung and performed by our choruses.

The composers represented in this collection have contributed these short pieces for GALA choruses. You are welcome to perform them without charge within the parameters listed on the bottom of each page. Many of these composers also have websites describing their other compositions, so check out their other music and support our LGBT-friendly artists!

You can download the complete collection as a PDF formatted for print or for display on tablets and smartphones at

http://galachoruses.org/artistic-directors/rounds/

Thanks to all the artists who contributed to this project. If you have additional rounds to offer to our choruses, send them my way and we’ll continue to post them. We are particularly looking for LGBT-themed repertoire.

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### Rounds and Chants
#### GALA Festival 2012

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Arise and Sing
around in 4 parts

Music & lyrics by Ruth Huber

With conviction $\frac{\text{4}}{\text{4}}$, $\frac{\text{3}}{\text{4}}$

Arise and sing, let ev'ry voice be heard, with

breath and sound give meaning to the word.

Arise! Arise, let music fill the air, ringing and re-echoing ev'ry where.

More from the composer can be found at
web.me.com/takenote88/RuthHuberComposer or ruthsong@blueneptune.com
These I sing in spring collect for lovers

Picked along the pond-side fearing not the wet

This shall henceforth be the token of comrades

I will give to them that love as I am loving.

More from the composer can be found at www.arthurdurkee.net or Stickdragn@aol.com
Pink, green, red, blue, yellow and orange and purple, too. The colors of our rainbow light up the sky. One for all, and all for Pride.

CODA

The colors of our lives.

The colors of our lives.

The colors of our lives.

For more of this composer's work visit the Providence Gay Men's Chorus website and listen to sound clips www.provgmc.org, or contact the composer at kimkuda1962@yahoo.com
1. Dame Round
from Three Tongue-Twisting Rounds

a round in 3 parts

Music by Pasquale Tassone
Traditional Lyrics

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Dona nobis pacem

*a round in 4 parts*

Music by Randi Rexroth

Traditional Lyrics

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Don't Give Up

a round in 3 parts

Music and lyrics by Becky Reardon

Swing \( \text{\textcopyright 120} \)

1. Don't give up. Give a little kindness to yourself.

2. Put a little flex, put a little flex in your plan.

3. Find another way like a river.

Flow, may you never stop flowing.

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2. Dusting Round
from Three Tongue-Twisting Rounds

a round in 3 parts

Music by Pasquale Tassone
Traditional Lyrics

This round comes from a more complete setting, including accompaniment.
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Gimme a BLT with G
a chant

Music & lyrics by Susan Haugh

Harmonize at will on each "BLT with G"

B L T with G, great as a move-ment but best with tea.

B L T with G, gain-ing our rights for you and me!

Contact the composer at Shaugh65@yahoo.com
Hayom
*a round in 6 parts*

Music by Chris Tackett
Lyrics from Psalm 95

Flowing three (not fast) $\dot{=} 76$

Translation: Today, if only you would hear my voice.

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How to Vote
*a round in 2 parts*

Music & lyrics by Jane Ramseyer Miller

I can't tell you how to vote. But, I need you to know there's no need to limit love. Win! Love, and marry who you will!

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I Don't Fit

a round in 2 parts

Music by Becky Reardon
Lyrics by Jean Thompson and Becky Reardon

**Triplet swing** \(\frac{\text{d}}{\text{d}} = 116\)

I don't fit. Ne-ver have, ne-ver will. I don't fit, or ev-er e-ven get close to it, but I be-long.

More from the composer can be found at www.beckyreardonmusic.com
or breardon@taosnet.com
I love the mountains, I love the chor- al thing.

I love the Dykes and I love the Fare- rie Queens.

I love the pool-side when all the lights are low.


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An Irish Toast
a round in 4 parts

Music by J. David Moore
Traditional Irish Lyrics

May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings,

Slow to make enemies and quick to make friends, And may you know

nothing but happiness from this day forward. May you be

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No More Secrets, No More Lies
a round in 4 parts

Music by Martin J. Wimmer
Lyrics by Martin J. Wimmer and Douglas M. Scheidt

Andante and resolute \( \frac{4}{4} = 72 \)

No more secrets. No more lies. No more silly alibis. Truth has set me free! Now just let me be! No more storm. No more stress. No more settling for less. Times have really changed. It seems I'm not deranged. Cuckoo!

Coda

Part 4 sings

No more secrets. No more lies. No more secrets. No more lies. (or "girls" or "women", etc.)

No more secrets. No more lies. It’s the truth that I like guys!

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Two cups water, two cups oats. Use the microwave or the stove.

Boil the water, add the oats. Stir and simmer until it is soft.

Add brown sugar, milk or cream and some raisins, too.
Our Voices Win Freedom
*a chant for any voicing and percussion*

Music by Ruth Huber
Lyrics based on GALA Mission

Clap with a steady beat \( \frac{J}{J} = 108 \)
1st time sing part 1
2nd time add part 2

Our voices win freedom, our voices win freedom!

Our voices win freedom, our voices win freedom!

Our voices win freedom, our voices win freedom!

We’re gonna change the world through song.

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free-dom, our voic-es__ win free-dom!

We're gon-na change the world through song, change the world, we're gon-na

Our voic-es win free-dom, our voic-es win free-dom!

change the world through song. We're gon-na change the world through song,

D.S. al Fine

optional percussion break

voic-es__ win free-dom!

change the world, we're gon-na change the world through song.

More from the composer can be found at web.me.com/takenote88/RuthHuberComposer or ruthsong@blueneptune.com

Percussion parts available from the composer
Peace Through Music

You, whose white tress-est tingly with blue, whose vi-brant soul in-spires our muse. You con-jure peace through mu-sic. Na-ma-ste,

Shan-ti, Peace, Shal-om. We ho-nor you.

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Pride Parade
a round in 4 parts

Music by Anne M. Guzzo
Lyrics by Bonnie A. Robinson

With elegance (\( \text{C} \text{.} \text{c} . \text{110} \))

* substitute relevant P-flag type phrases: "I love my trans son!," "I love my Bi Dad!," "I love my two moms", "I love my queer dog!" etc.

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3. Round and Round
from Three Tongue-Twisting Rounds
a round in 4 parts

Music by Pasquale Tassone
Traditional Lyrics

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A song of peace and joy
*a round in 4 parts*

Music & lyrics by Chris Tackett

**Majestic four** $\text{\( \frac{1}{4} \)} = 94$

Sing, oh sing a song of joy and peace, sing a song of love and joy and peace.

Sing, oh sing a song of joy and peace, sing a song of love and joy and peace.

Sing, sing, sing out loud. Sing, sing strong and proud.

Sing, sing, sing out loud. Sing, sing strong and proud.

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These Things I Know
a round in 4 parts

Music & lyrics by Chris Tackett

Slow walking two

These things I know: The living go on living and the

dead go on living with them.

Repeat after last time until all are finished

These things I know.

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Understand

a round in 3 parts

Music & lyrics by Arthur Durkee

1

Understand we dare to speak. Understand we love each other.

2

Understand that we are you.

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Veni, Sancte Spiritus
*a round in 3 parts*

Music by Justine Koontz
Lyrics attr. Stephen Langton (c. 1160-1228)
and Pope Innocent III (d. 1216)

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Veni, Sancte Spiritus, et emitte coelius lucis tuae radium.

Translation: Come, Holy Spirit, And send out from heaven Your radiant light.

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We'll Sing Together

*a round in 4 parts*

Music & lyrics by Brad Kemp

We'll sing to-gether to-day, We'll sing to-gether al-ways.

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