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
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Arise and Sing
a round in 4 parts

Music & lyrics by Ruth Huber

With conviction \( \frac{\hat{\jmath}}{4} = 72 \)

A - rise and sing, let ev 'ry voice be heard, with breath and sound give

meaning to the word. A - rise! A - rise, let mu - sic fill the air, ring-

ing and re - ech - o - ing ev - ry where. A

More from the composer can be found at web.me.com/takenote88/RuthHuberComposer or ruthsong@blueneptune.com
These I singing 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](http://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.

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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

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1. Dame Round
from *Three Tongue-Twisting Rounds*
a round in 3 parts

Music by Pasquale Tassone
Traditional Lyrics

\[ \frac{\text{♩ = 96}}{} \]

My dame hath a lame tame crane.____ My dame hath a crane that is lame.____ Pray gentle Jane, let my dame's tame crane Feed and come home again.____

This round comes from a more complete setting, including accompaniment.
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Dona nobis pacem

*a round in 4 parts*

Music by Randi Rexroth
Traditional Lyrics

![Musical notation](image)

\[ \text{Do-na no-bis pa-cem, do-na no-bis pa-cem.} \]

Translation: Grant us peace

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Don't Give Up
around in 3 parts
Music & lyrics by Becky Reardon

Swing

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

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

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

\[ \text{\textit{A maid__ with a duster Made a furious bus__ter}} \]

\[ \text{\textit{Dusting a bust in the hall.}} \]

\[ \text{\textit{When the bust it was dust-ed, the bust it was bust-ed. The bust it was dust, that's all.}} \]

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Gimme a BLT with G
a chant

Music & lyrics by Susan Haugh

\[ \text{B L T with G, great as a movement but best with tea.} \]

\[ \text{B L T with G, gaining our rights for you and me!} \]

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Hayom  
a round in 6 parts

Music by Chris Tackett  
Lyrics from Psalm 95

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

Ha - yom______ ha - yom______ im b’___ ko - lo tish

ma - u ha - yom______ ha - yom______

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

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Hayom by Chris Tackett.

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How to Vote
a round in 2 parts

Music & lyrics by Jane Ramseyer Miller

1.

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 \( \frac{3}{8} = 116 \)

1

\[ \begin{align*}
&\text{I don't fit. Never have, never will. I don't fit, or ever even get close to it, but I \underline{belong}.}
\end{align*} \]

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I Love the Mountains
a round in 4 parts

Traditional Round
Lyrics by Jane Ramseyer Miller

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

In one $\text{\textbf{\textdagger}} \text{=} 52$

May you be poor in mis-fortune, rich in bless-ings,

Slow to make e-ne-mies and quick to make friends, And may you

know noth-ing but hap-pi-ness from this day for-ward.

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Love Makes a Family
*a chant in 4 parts*

Music & lyrics by Kala Pierson

Strong $\downarrow = 126$

Love, _______ Love, _______ Love __________ makes a fam - i - ly.

Love, _______ Love, _______ Love __________ makes a fam - i - ly.

Love, _______ Love, _______ Love __________ makes a fam - i - ly.

Love, _______ Love, _______ Love __________ makes a fam - i - ly.

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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 \( \mathsf{\dot{\xi}} = 72 \)

![Musical notation]

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!

Part 4 sings

No more secrets. No more lies. No more secrets. No more lies.

add Part 3

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

add Part 2

add Part 1

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Oatmeal
*a round in 3 parts*

Music & lyrics by Chris Tackett

Bright, sunny one (raisins optional)

1

Two cups wa - ter, two cups oats. Use the mi - cro-wave or the stove.

2

Boil the wa - ter, add the oats. Stir and sim-mer un - til it is soft.

3

Add brown su - gar, milk or cream and some rai - sins, too.

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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 $\dot{\cdot} = 108$

1st time sing part 1

2nd time add part 2

Our voices win freedom, our voices win freedom!

Fine

Our voices win freedom, our voices win freedom!

Add descant on repeat

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!

win 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.__

optional percussion break

D.S. al Fine

voic-es__ win free-dom!

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

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Percussion parts available from the composer
in honor of Cathy Roma's legacy of music-making

Peace Through Music
around in 5 parts

Music & lyrics by Jane Ramseyer Miller

\[=112\]

You, whose white tresses tinged with blue, whose vibrant soul inspires our muse. You conjure peace through music.

Na-ma-ste, Shan-ti, Peace, Shal-lom. We honor you.

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Pride Parade
around in 4 parts

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

With elegance \( \left( \frac{\text{d}}{} = \text{c. 110} \right) \)

1

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{El-bow el-bow wrist wrist wrist,} \\
\text{El-bow el-bow wrist wrist wrist,}
\end{align*}
\]

2

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{El-bow el-bow wrist wrist wrist,} \\
\text{El-bow el-bow wrist wrist wrist,}
\end{align*}
\]

3

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{I love my gay son!*} \\
\text{I love my gay daughter!}
\end{align*}
\]

4

* 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.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{vroom, rum-ble-ah rum-ble-ah rum-ble-ah vrrrr -oom!}
\end{align*}
\]

Re-pent, re-pent, re-pent, re-pent. GAY PRIDE!

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

Music by Pasquale Tassone
Traditional Lyrics

\[ \text{\( \text{q.} = 60 \)} \]

Round and round the ragged rock the ragged ras-cal, the ras-cal he ran. And

Round and round the ragged rock the ragged ras-cal ran, he ran. Round and

Round and round and round; Round and round the ras-cal he ran. Round and

Round and round and round; Round and round the ras-cal he ran.

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A song of joy and peace

Music & lyrics by Chris Tackett

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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. These things I know.

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Understand
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)

\[ \text{\( \dot{\text{\textbf{q} = 88}} \)} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{Ve-ni, Sanc-te Spi-ri-tus, et em-i-tte coe-li-us lu-cis tu-ae ra-di-um.}
\end{align*} \]

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

\[ \text{\( q = 90 \)} \]

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

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