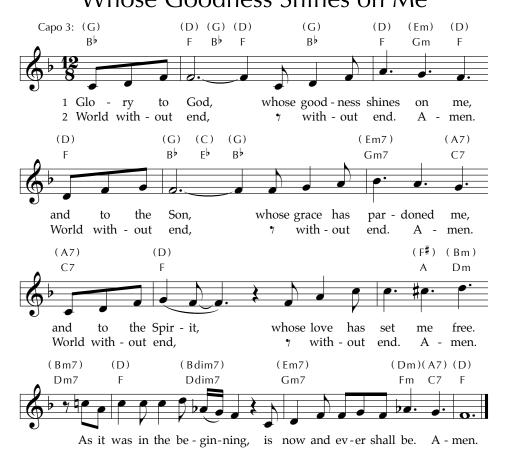
408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit



This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.



Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



Help Us Accept Each Other 754



- 1 Help us ac cept each oth er as Christ ac cept-ed us;
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les sons, as in our dai ly life
- 3 Let your ac cep tance change us, so that we may be moved
- 4 Lord, for to day's en coun ters with all who are in need,



sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son teach us to em - brace. as we strug be hu - man and search for hope and faith. gle to liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love; who hun - ger for ac - cep-tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring be - lieve pres us to Teach us to care for peo-ple, for not just for some, prac - tice your ac - cep-tance un - til know by heart we new eyes for see - ing, new hands hold - ing need for on:



we are our-selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live. to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come. the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art. re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, C709 MUSIC: Genevan Psaller, 1531

"Or "God"

OLD HUNDREDTH

623 I've Got Peace like a River



In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.