

Notes from the Music Department

March 21, 2021. Should we celebrate the beginning of Spring or the light at the end of the tunnel of this evidently not endless pandemic?

Let's do both, starting with the beloved hymn "**For the Beauty of the Earth.**"

Folliott S. Pierpoint wrote the lyrics in 1864 when he was only 29, inspired by the beauty of the western English countryside. It is appropriate during this season of awakenings and again throughout the year as we are reminded that we are continually connected.

A year ago in our first podcast, you heard **Farewell, Amparo** by David Lanz, a composer specializing in New Age music. In his forward to one of his collections of piano solos Lanz shares his hope "to take positive thoughts and put them to use not only in personal lives, but in ways that can influence communities and, at some point, the entire world. The hope of a brighter future is the message of my music, and I'm pleased to be able to share it with everyone who listens."

Our hymn that first day a year ago was "**My Life Flows On In Endless Song.**" How interesting it is to look back on this year of no community singing - except in our hearts and minds. Danika's ending song of blessing then is as appropriate today. May we all always have a song!

May You Always Have a Song

May your life be filled with song and may your friends all sing along.

May your heart be true and strong. May you always have a song.

May your life be filled with love. May the sun always shine above.

Go in peace just like a dove. May you always have a song.

May music be a part of the joy within your heart.

May you feel it deep within your soul.

May the gentle harmony of a tender melody make your spirit whole.

May your life be filled with song. And may your friends all sing along.

May your heart be true and strong. May you always have a song.

May you always have a song.

