

Notes from the Music Department

When I was typing the lyrics for our Music Meditation, "**What Wondrous Love**," I was struck by its similarity to one of my favorite folk songs, "**You Made Me a Pallet on the Floor**" which first made its appearance in the late 1900's, written by someone very grateful for the kindnesses of others. If you are in a YouTube mood, Google "You Made Me a Pallet on the Floor & The Weavers."

What Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss,
And takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul,
And takes away the pain of my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down.
When I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground,
Friends to me gather'd round, O my soul, O my soul,
Friends to me gather'd round, O my soul.

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing,
To love and to all friends I will sing.
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend,
With thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing,
With thanks unto the end I will sing.

Pam Wedgewood's "**Bathing Machine**" was inspired by the painting, "Victorian Bathing Machine" by Dave Rheume, a contemporary Canadian artist. A bathing machine is described as a small four-wheeled carriage covered with canvas in which one end is let down so that the bather can get into the water without being seen, in other words, a Victorian mobile changing room. As Mrs. Bennet in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* said, "A little sea bathing would set me up forever!" Let the sunshine festivities begin!

Passover has begun with the traditional Seder meal being celebrated tonight. If you are unfamiliar with the Passover story, you can turn again to YouTube, this time searching for Six13 The Red Sea Shanty: A Pirate Passover. The heads up about this absolutely delightful rendition as sung by a Jewish acapella men's group came from a friend of mine who is beginning her journey of becoming a Cantor. For her, the traditional "Next year, Jerusalem!" will be reality!