

## Notes from the Music Department

There are so many songs such as today's "**Garden of the Earth**" that should be in our hymnals but for various reasons, they are not. The world first became aware of this traditional Russian folk tune in 1987 when the landmark album, *Earthbeat*, was released. *Earthbeat* is considered monumental because it was the first recording of original music created by Americans and Russians together. The Paul Winter Consort and the Dmitri Pokrovsky Singers first met in the former Soviet Union.

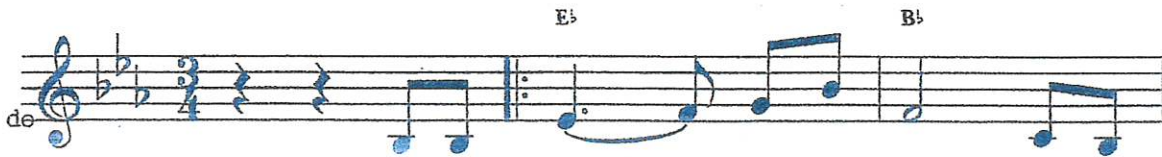
Communicating through interpreters, the two groups melded Russian circle songs and folk melodies together with western jazz harmonies implemented by the Winter Consort.

How are we supposed to sing a song we have never done together before? By using the musical notation and by taking advantage of your ears. The reason I almost always play the entire song as an introduction is to help those in the congregation who might be hearing the music of the day for the first time. While you are listening and getting the melody line into your ears, also watch what the printed graph, aka, the written notation, is showing you - when the sounds will go up, or down, or stay on the same pitch. In this case there are four phrases or musical thoughts. The first two are exactly the same but with different words. The third phrase takes off in a different direction while the fourth finishes off the thought. The second and third verses, of course, just repeat these patterns. Voila! An additional strategy: listen very intently to those around you for help. (You know who to tune in to!) The golden rule is to always listen louder than you sing. Helpful hint: Danika is on the microphone.....

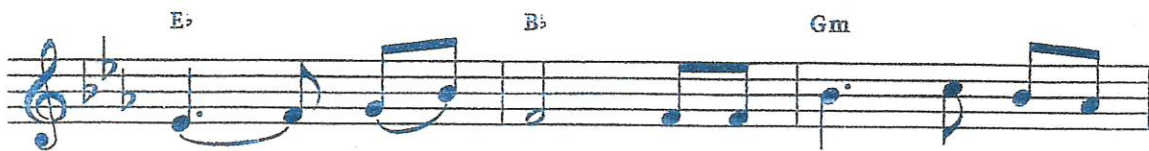
In a YouTube mood? Google "**Garden of the Earth**" and Paul Winter for the chance to listen to the recording of today's song sung by a group of young women singing first in Russian and then in English.

# Garden of the Earth

Traditional  
Russian Folk Song  
Words by Paul Winter  
and Paul Halley



1. There's a gar - den 'round the Earth, There's a  
(2.) voi - ces, ma - ny tongues, from the  
(3.) glo - ry of the Earth, for the



home be - neath the sun; In the beau - ty of this  
moun - tains to the sea; Sing of beau - ty all a -  
glo - ry of the sun; We will sing of life to -



gar - den, We will hear — a thou - sand songs. 2. Ma - ny one.  
round — us, in this an - cient har - mo - ny. 3. For the  
ge - ther, and for - ev - er live as

