

# BIG BOOK

## HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

**Words and music by Robert Lowry (1860)**

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Handwritten musical score for the hymn "My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation". The score is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, clear style. The bottom staff is a guitar accompaniment, with the top line labeled D, A, D and the bottom line labeled 0, 1, 2, 3, 4. The guitar part uses a mix of open and fretted notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. The lyrics are written below the top staff, and the guitar part is written below the bottom staff.

My life flows on in end- less song; A- bove earth's lam- en- ta- tion

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D A D

0 0 1 0 1 0 3 1 0 0 1

I hear the sweet hymn That hails a

new cre-a-tion: Through all the tu- mult and the

10

strife I hear the mu- sic ring- ing; It finds an

D 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 3

D 0 2 2 1 2 1 2 4 2 2 4

3x

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13 D A D 0 3 4 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 0

Intro.....

16 D A D 0 3 4 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 0

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My life goes on in endless song  
Above earths lamentations,  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear its

music ringing,  
It sounds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars,  
I hear the truth, it liveth.  
And though the darkness round me close,  
Songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock Im clinging.  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble in their fear  
And hear their death knell ringing,  
When friends rejoice both far and near  
How can I keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon vile  
Our thoughts to them are winging,  
When friends by shame are undefiled  
How can I keep from singing?