

Of the Father's Love Begotten

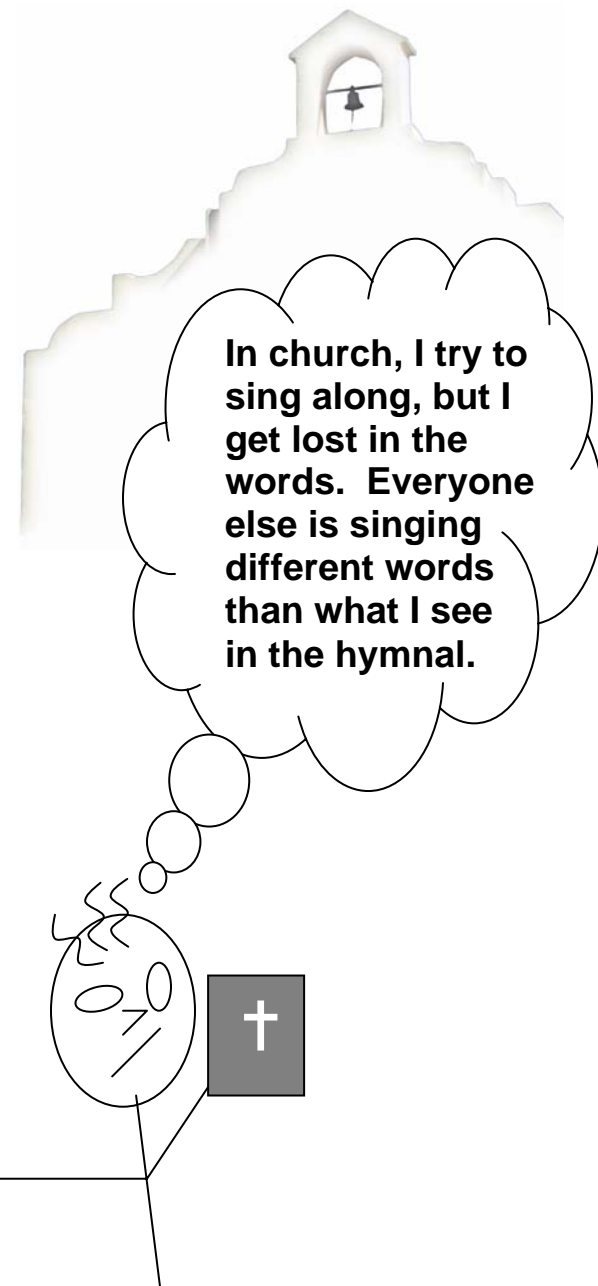
Verse 2 →

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - - ten
 2 Oh, that birth for ev - er bless ed
 3 This is He whom seers in old time

Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 When the vir - gin, full of grace,
 Chant - ed of with one ac - cord,

He is Al - pha and O - me - - - ga,
 By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 Whom the voic - es of the proph - - - ets

Lost in the music?



**Q. Why write the songs this way?
 Why not just write the words?**

A. Once you know how it works, having the words written along with the music makes it easier to sing new songs. If you know how to follow the music notes, you can sing any song right away. It also makes it easier for musicians to learn the song quickly.

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At church, singing is a beautiful and exciting way we respond to God's love. Some songs express our love and gratitude to God. Other songs voice the many things we have learned about God from the Bible. We learn from what we sing and we encounter God's truth through His Word.

This brochure explains how to follow the words to songs that are written for our church services. It can be very easy to get lost if you haven't learned how it works, which can be frustrating and can prevent you from receiving the benefits each song has to offer.

Songs in the bulletin:

Song lyrics printed in the bulletin can be easy to read, but have the disadvantage of not showing how they fit with the song melody. However, it usually doesn't take too long to learn the melodies.

Example of lyrics printed in bulletin

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega...
2. Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving...

Songs printed in the hymnal:

Song lyrics in a hymnal can be confusing where there is more than one verse, because the words follow the music notes of the song melody:

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Verse 1 →

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten
2. Oh, that birth for-ev-er bless-ed,
3. This is He whom seers in old time

Ere the worlds be-gan to be,
When the vir-gin, full of grace,
Chant-ed of with one ac-cord,

He is Al-pha and O-me-ga,
By the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiving,
Whom the voic-es of the proph-ets

Verse 1 is the top line of text. It is the top line in every section of music (see above). At the end of each line, you must jump down to the next section of music to continue. Continue doing this until you finish singing the last section of music. Then return to the beginning of the song to sing verse 2 and later verse 3. See back of page for example of verse 2 →