

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

1. THE CORONATION

Solomon

Solomon! Son of David,
Solomon! King of Israel.
Solomon! Greatest tribute we bring.
You're born to lead a nation,
here at your coronation,
we all proclaim - that you are our King.

David won the victory;
he's established the promised land.
He has strengthened God's chosen people,
protected by God's almighty hand.

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You're loved by the Father.
You're King David's greater son.
You continue a royal line, and
it will lead to a greater one.

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2. SOLOMON ASKS FOR WISDOM

Narr: One night God appeared to Solomon and asked, "What would you like me to give you?"

Nobody's Fool

O Lord if I've found favour in your eyes,
I pray you'll make me truly wise.
Give me the wisdom to reign and to rule.
O Lord let me be nobody's fool.

O Lord you know that I'm a simple man.
I'll do this job as best as I can.
But with your wisdom I'll keep my cool.
O Lord let me be nobody's fool.

In situations with no way out,
I pray you'll save me from fear and doubt.
O Lord I pray that in all I do,
I'll always depend on you.

O Lord I pray with each new passing day,
you'll show me what to do and to say.
Give me the knowledge that's learned in your school.
O Lord let me be nobody's fool.

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3. A DIFFICULT CASE

A Problem

We've a rather difficult problem.
Solomon. Solomon.
It concerns two arguing women.
Solomon. Solomon.
And there's a baby all alone.
Each lady says he is her own.

The truth we fear just isn't known.
Solomon. Solomon.

It appears they're living together.
Solomon. Solomon.
And they're at the end of their tether.
Solomon. Solomon.
In due course each of them were mothers,
two boys — almost two twin brothers.
One died, each says its the others.
Solomon. Solomon.

Now we've not the foggiest notion.
Solomon. Solomon.
How to find a happy solution.
Solomon. Solomon.
We need some help. We look to you.
O Mighty King what shall we do.
We really do not have a clue.
Solomon. Solomon.

Solomon! You cannot be serious!
Go on Solomon - don't make us laugh.
Solomon! What are you doing?
You just can't cut a baby in half!

Look!

One lady now is withdrawing.
Solomon. Solomon.
And she says, "Please, stop the sawing."
Solomon. Solomon.
The other doesn't seem to care, and
Solomon is now aware of the
Proper mother-baby pair.
Solomon. Solomon.

You are really terribly clever.
Solomon. Solomon.
We will look to you for ever.
Solomon. Solomon
The way you solved this little case

Has proved that you are really ace.
Where wisdom is, you set the pace.
Solomon. Solomon.

Very, very clever Solomon!

4. BUILDING TWO PALACES

Narr: King Solomon decided to build a temple where the Lord would be worshipped, and also to build a palace for himself.

Here

Here! is where we'll build a temple. Here!
Here! is where the temple will appear.
Here, a glorious temple will arise.
Here, we bring our silver and our gold,
Here, we'll build a temple to behold.
Here, will be a pleasure to our eyes.

Build God's house, build him a home.
Give him some room;
to serve him in this place, all our days
we will raise
songs of praise.
In this God's glorious home.

There is where we'll build a palace. There!
There a palace built beyond compare.
There! A house that's fit to house a king.
But — here another King we're housing. Here!
Here! With great excitement rousing. Here!
Here! Is where we'll give him everything.

Build God's house, build him a home.
Give him some room;
to serve him in this place, all our days
we will raise
songs of praise.
In this God's glorious home.

La, la, la ,

Build God's house, build him a home.
Give him some room;
to serve him in this place, all our days
we will raise
songs of praise.
In this God's glorious home.

5. INSTALLING THE ARK

Narr: Then King Solomon summoned all the leaders of the tribes and clans of Israel to assemble in Jerusalem, in order to take the ark, which was the Lord's covenant box, from Zion to the temple.

Bring the Ark

Bring the ark — to its special place.
Bring the ark - remembering:

In the time of Moses,
how the ark was made.
How it led us safely
At the head — of the Israel parade.

Bring the ark — to its special place.
Bring the ark - remembering:

When we faced the Jordan
Floods were all around.
But the waters parted.
So we crossed — and we walked on dry ground.

Bring the ark — to its special place.
Bring the ark - remembering:

How we took it bravely
All round Jericho town.
And when trumpets blasted
How the walls - came a tum—be—ling down.

Bring the ark — to its special place.

Bring the ark - remembering:

Solomon's dad, David.
Little boy made good.
At the ark's procession,
how he danced — just like everyone should.

Bring the ark — to its special place.
Bring the ark - remembering:

All God's goodness to us
as his chosen race,
and with thankful mem'ries
let us all — set the ark in its place.

6. THE CELEBRATION

Narr: The singers were accompanied in perfect harmony by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, as they praised the Lord singing: "Praise the Lord, because he is good, and his love is eternal." As they were leaving the temple it was suddenly filled with a cloud shining with the dazzling light of the Lord's presence.

There is a river

There is a river whose streams make glad
the holy temple where our God dwells.
God is with us, we shall not fall.
God is now exalted over all.

Lift up your eyes and see a new morn.
The dawn is breaking to a new day.
A time for healing and complete restoration.
A new beginning for the old has passed away.

There is a river whose streams make glad
the holy temple where our God dwells.
God is with us, we shall not fall.
God is now exalted over all.

And now in brightness he's appearing.
He fills the temple with his glory.

The dazzling radiance of his marvellous presence.
A place for God to dwell in sovereign majesty.

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the holy temple where our God dwells.
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7. GOD'S PROMISE

Narr: After King Solomon had finished the temple and the palace,
successfully completing all his plans for them, the Lord appeared to
him at night and said to him:

If You Walk With Me

If you walk with me
I will walk with you.
I will show you all things.
I will see you through.
If you look to me,
I'll look after you.
All my help you'll get in
Everything you do.

Should you turn from me;
take your hand from mine.
Don't you be surprised if
things don't turn out fine.
Walking in the dark
isn't very bright.
You won't find it easy
in the black of night.

Keeping close to me,
let me take your hand.
Let me show you how to
build the promised land.
Let me lead you on.
Let me be your guide.
Let's go on together
walking side by side.

8 ARRIVAL OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

The Queen of Sheba

Enter now great Sheba's queen,
Grandest lady ever seen,
in her glorious robes arrayed.
You can tell they're not home made.

With gifts of gold and precious stones
and boxes filled with bounteous treasure,
she offers up to Solomon
her gifts for work and gifts for pleasure.

Enter now great Sheba's queen,
Makes us enviously green.
Bringing presents by the score.
She's a walking Tesco store.

She comes to hear his wise decrees.
He listens to each question she's raising.
And carefully with wisest skill
He gives an answer she finds so amazing.

Enter now great Sheba's queen,
clearly not an old has-been.
Dressed in silks beyond our means.
Not for her a blouse and jeans.

And now she knows from all she's seen;
and having heard his wisdom and learning,
that God has blessed abundantly.
But now to Sheba she is returning.

Exit now great Sheba's queen,
dignified and so serene.
With her glorious train unfurled,
she's the all time great Miss World.

9. SOLOMON ANALYSES LIFE

Narr: Solomon tried to find out what life is all about.

Vanity of Vanities

There's a time for everything,
a time to live and die,
a time to plant and harvest,
but who knows the reason why?
And there's a time for killing
and a time for wounds to heal;
a time to tear a time to build
but why, I can't reveal.

Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.
There's no reason for it all.
None that I can see.

There's a time for everything;
A time to laugh and weep;
A time to mourn a time to dance;
A time to wake and sleep;
A time to search; a time to stop;
A time to keep and give,
but none can tell the reasoning
why each of us should live.

Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.
There's no reason for it all.
None that I can see.

There's a time for everything;
A time to tear and mend;
A time for silence and for speech
Will this time ever end?
A time for love; a time for hate;
A time for war and peace.
And time goes on and never ends,
Will this time ever cease.

Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.
There's no reason for it all.
None that I can see.

None that I can see.

10. THE CONCLUSION

Narr: Nevertheless Solomon trusted God and He was richer and wiser than any other King in the world. They all consulted him, to hear the wisdom that God had given him. The land of Israel was never to know such peace and prosperity again. Solomon had built the temple where God had displayed his glory. Solomon had learnt to trust in the Lord.

Glory! Glory!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
And don't rely on what you know.
Remember the Lord in all you do.
He'll show the way to go.
And I'm singing
Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory!
Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory to his name.
And I'm singing
Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory!
Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory to his name.

He brought me to his dining hall
He lifts his banner over me.
For I am his and he is mine.
His glory I shall see.
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