

Quarantine Reflection 14

“🎵 All God’s creatures got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing higher, some sing out loud on the telephone wires and some just clap their hand and paws and anything they’ve got now” (All God’s Creatures)

Today’s image is what I can see when lying in my bed, eight or nine lines of telephone wires and that along with my feathered friends makes me think of the song All God’s Creatures. I really like singing however it really is not at all fair or pleasant for those around me I prefer to say that I make a joyful noise to the Lord, but I’m sure at times even he must object to my caterwauling.

Singing is another way of communicating with God and like prayer is something many faiths do. Singing or chanting is a way of communicating with God, we as individuals sometimes find it difficult to find the right words when we want to pray and so; we sing for joy or we sing to lament and if you are me you sing usually under your breath to mask fear or pain. I sung the song ABBA Father through my driving test, I started off with it in my head then hummed it and then towards the end was actually singing. Thankfully I had a very nice examiner who joked did I know any other songs or just that one. Some hymns or songs make the most wonderful prayers too.

Moses and the children of Israel and Miriam sung to God (Exodus 15:1, 21), David sung a lament for Saul (2 Sam 1:17) as well as singing to God when he was rescued from his enemies (2 Samuel 22:1) and musicians praised God on trumpets, cymbals and other instruments (2 Chron 5:13) the Psalms speak of singing, the people sang as Jesus entered Jerusalem (Matt 21:9), Jesus and the disciples sang before going to the Mount of Olives (Matt 26:30) and not forgetting Paul and Silas who sang praises to God while in prison (Acts 16:25). Actually there are many examples of God’s people singing throughout the bible.

For two years now the small band of people who organise the village community picnic in the park have also organised carol singing around the village. People of all ages joined in with them and the feedback was hugely positive, the joy was etched on the faces of all who took part from the youngest to the oldest.

On a larger scale we have seen the One World concert recently and in 1985 we had Live Aid and in 2017 the One Love concert...

Music and song unite people across the divides, young and old can join in, with their enjoyment and there is something for everyone in the world of song.

I look forward to joining with you all in making a joyful noise one day.

So for now, today I will “ 🎵 Shout to the north and the south, Sing to East and the West, Jesus, Saviour to all, Lord of heaven and earth. “- Men Of Faith Rise Up And Sing - Delirious

Sing praise to the Lord, you His godly ones, And give thanks to His Holy Name - Psalm 30:4



Sing praises to God, sing
praises;
Sing praises to our King, sing
praises.

Psalm 47:6