

**GFWC Virginia Centennial Chorus  
Convention 2008**

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## **VIRGINIA STATE FEDERATION SONG**

Words by Maud Nichols

Come from sea and plain and mountain, kindred are we  
Fair Virginia's loyal daughters, blest may we be.  
Come with thoughts with love o'erflowing  
Willing hands and spirits glowing,  
And with joy that passes knowing,  
Each friend to see.

Shine our spirit of devotion, in this world of need;  
Hand in hand, a band of women, onward we lead.  
Formed are we, a federation,  
For the home and state and nation -  
Mother heart for all creation,  
True in word and deed.

May sweet fellowship attend us, all through each day;  
Zeal inspire and faith defend us, thus do we pray.  
Let us see a wrong to right it,  
Let us evil know to fight it,  
Where the path is dark, God light it  
With brightest ray.

## **SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY**

**Gonna take a sentimental journey  
Gonna set my heart at ease  
Gonna make a sentimental journey  
To renew old memories**

**Got my bag, got my reservation  
Spent each dime I could afford  
Like a child in wild anticipation  
Long to hear that "All aboard"**

**Seven, that's the time we leave, at seven  
I'll be waitin' up for heaven  
Countin' every mile of railroad track  
That takes me back**

**Never thought my heart could be so yearny  
Why did I decide to roam?  
Gotta take that sentimental journey  
Sentimental journey home  
Sentimental journey home!**

## "Side by Side" lyrics

Oh we ain't got a barrel of  
money  
maybe we're ragged and funny,  
But we'll travel along,  
singing our song,  
SIDE BY SIDE.  
Don't know what's coming  
tomorrow,  
maybe it's trouble and sorrow,  
But we'll travel the road,  
sharing our load,  
SIDE BY SIDE.

Through all kinds of weather,  
what if the sky should fall,  
Just as long as we're together,  
it doesn't matter at all.  
When they've all had their  
troubles and parted,  
We'll be the same as we started,  
Just trav'ling along,  
singing our song,  
SIDE BY SIDE.

## **You'll Never Walk Alone**

When you walk through a storm  
Hold your head up high  
And don't be afraid of the dark.  
At the end of a storm  
Is a golden sky  
And the sweet, silver song of a lark.

Walk on, through the wind,  
Walk on, through the rain,  
Though your dreams be tossed and blown.  
Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart,  
And you'll never walk alone,  
You'll never walk alone.

# America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

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O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness.

America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law.

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O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life.

America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev'ry gain divine.

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O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

# Let There Be Peace On Earth

Circa 1955

Words and Music by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller

Let There Be Peace On Earth,  
and let it be - gin with me. \_\_\_\_\_  
Let There Be Peace On Earth,  
the peace that was meant to be. \_\_\_\_\_

With God as our Fa - ther,  
broth - ers all are we, \_\_\_\_\_  
Let me walk with my broth-er, \_\_\_\_\_  
in per-fect har - mo - ny. \_\_\_\_\_

Let peace be - gin with me,  
let this be the mo - ment now, \_\_\_\_\_  
With ev-'ry step I take,  
let this be my sol - emn vow, \_\_\_\_\_

To take each mo - ment and live each mo -  
ment  
in peace, e - ter - nal - ly. \_\_\_\_\_  
Let There Be Peace On Earth,  
and let it be - gin with me. \_\_\_\_\_

*"THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES"*

Thanks for the memories,  
A hundred years have passed  
And didn't they go fast,  
We've had some laughs, some tears, some fears  
but wow, what a blast,  
How lucky we've been!

Thanks for the memories,  
Of women who came before  
Who opened up a door  
Who cared enough to want to learn  
Things they never knew before  
We thank them so much!

Thanks for the memories,  
For all that you have done  
Important work made fun,  
Where would our country be  
Without a group that stands as one,  
We thank you so much!

Thanks for the memories  
Of programs with speakers rare,  
Extra-Ordinaire  
Always tops, never flops  
And planned with so much care,  
We thank you so much!

So, thanks for the memories  
Of all the friends we've made,  
The hours of Bridge we've played,  
The fun we've had,  
The joys we've shared,  
May these memories never fade,  
We thank you SO MUCH!

Words by: Shirley Moorman and Carolyn Smith



## **May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You**

May the good Lord bless an' keep you,  
Whether near or far away.  
May you find that long awaited,  
Golden day today . . .

May your troubles all be small ones,  
And your fortune ten times ten,  
May the good lord bless and keep you,  
'Til we meet again . . .

May you walk with the sunlight shining,  
An' a blue bird in every tree.  
May there be silver lining,  
Back of every cloud you see . . .

Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows,  
Never mind what might have been.  
May the good Lord bless an' keep you,  
'Till we meet again . . .

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"Till we meet again . .