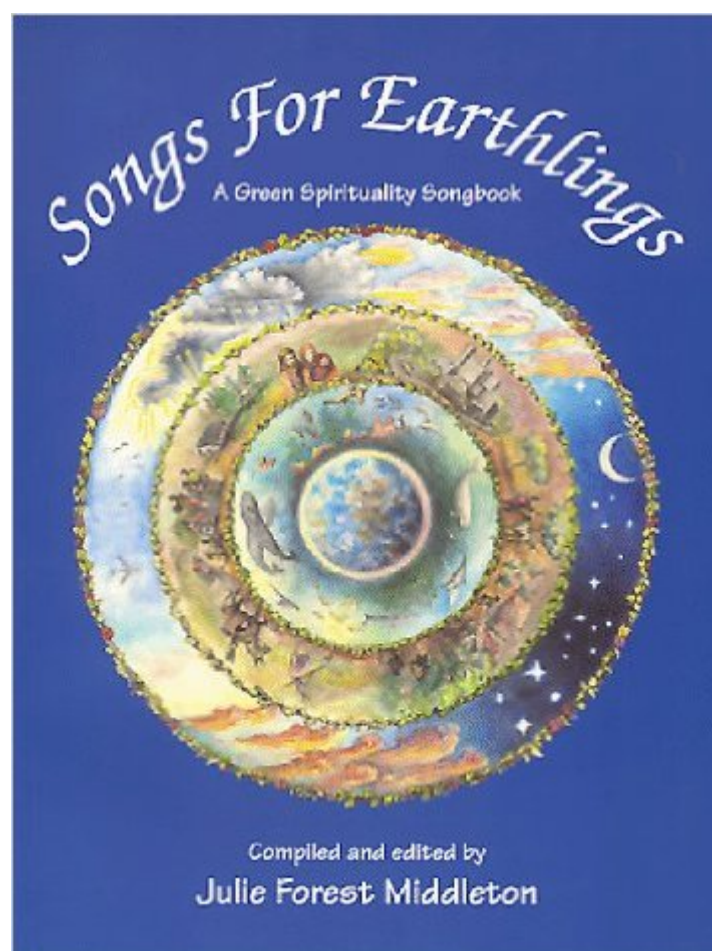


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# Songs For Earthlings



## Synopsis

433 sacred songs, chants, rounds and hymns celebrating the Earth and all of us who live here.

## Book Information

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from Green Egg Magazine: This collection of songs meets all my expectations of a great songbook and more. It provides an excellent introduction to music theory in nine concentrated lessons that could easily turn a person who has never studied music into a well-grounded beginning musician and it specifically meets my thirst for a variety of songs in harmony (so to speak) with the Earth. Clearly a labor of love, Songs For Earthlings is beautifully, conveniently and informatively arranged and obviously inspired. This collection is multicultural, diverse, lovely, inspiring, and includes beloved old familiar songs and exciting new material.

I bought this book to use as resource for my environmental education and religion/spirituality work. As a musician and songwriter for the Earth Mama projects, I review lots of current music materials. This is the finest I have seen. Notation is clear and accurate. Commentary and notes on the songs and ideas are articulate and thoughtful. The entire volume (over 400 songs) is a rich resource of material from many traditions which I will savour and enjoy for years. References, incidentals, quotes and comments sprinkled throughout are the icing on the cake. I have given several of these as gifts to schools, music departments and organizations. They are always delighted to add Songs for Earthlings to their library. Joyce Rouse, AKA Earth Mama...

My thanks go out to Ms. Middleton for this incredibly generous gift. She's provided an outlet for spiritual healing and earthly connection for us all. Inside are songs for anyone really, from many different faiths around the world! It's an excellent accompaniment to youth groups, women's spirituality groups, spiritual retreats or simple campfire get-togethers. Don't be put off by the Pagan undertones in other reviews. This book is for EARTH LOVERS. One element that makes "Songs for Earthlings" especially unique is its brief, yet thorough lesson on reading music. Despite having NO musical background, I was playing the piano (albeit, one-handed) in less than an hour! What fun!!!

Julie Forest Middleton spent literally years putting together this compendium of Pagan songs. There are songs for all occasions here: rituals, passages, seasons, everyday life, you name it. In addition to information on the songs and the songwriters, Ms. Middleton has also included (where possible) information on the songwriters' other published works, including recordings. This book will prove invaluable to both the Pagan musician seeking material for performance and anyone who would like to join in the singing on a more casual basis.

One of the things that's missing from our lives is community singing. My family sang in church, sang with the scouts, sang at the tennis court parties, sang in the car. In fact, one of our family's childhood refrains was "she's singing my song." Whenever I have community gatherings and celebrations, people are thrilled to be able to sing together. This book offers old and new options for groups who care about each other, their lives and the earth. HALLELUJAH! (I'm also thrilled that someone far away might sing something I've written and it'll meet their needs. Thank you.

I just love this book...loaded with songs I wish I had growing up...perfect for progressive churches wanting to incorporate more earthy songs - great variety from soulful, minor chants to jazzy, upbeat, gospel, songs from different cultures. What I wanted was something I could use to teach songs at the Auckland Unitarian Church that were easy to learn - easy to sing together for 'non-singers' and ones that were more connected to the body and earth...Thank you Julie for creating this!

For years I have been collecting pieces of music that reflect the Pagan lifestyle. This is a collection that reflects the face of the Mother, and the children of Her Universe! An excellent collection of chants and musical offerings in one place. This should be on the book shelf of every Pagan, or Earth-friendly person! Tyla

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