

SACRED NAME COLLECTION

Song 85 of 96 | Songs of Praise songbook - not in the three named groups

Collection: Songs of Praise (curriculum songbook, Kindergarten-University) | Level / place: Grade 12

Per-instrument parts in source: NO - source prints instrument list and musical direction for the song; no per-instrument parts

I Choose to Praise

Source: Songs of Praise curriculum songbook (restructured/songs_of_praise_curriculum.md; identical text in the songbook PDF)

Version used: Songbook as built 2026-10-11

FREQUENCY CHART PRESENTATION - A = 432 Hz

Tuning reference for the whole Collection: A = 432 Hz (Frequency Chart & Music-Education Instructions). A=432 Hz is a tuning reference, not the same thing as applying a 432 Hz single tone throughout a song; frequency cue, sung pitch and lyrical peak are separate artistic decisions.

These frequency-to-emotion associations are symbolic production prompts (Frequency Chart evidence note).

THE SONG IN FULL - AS PRINTED IN THE SOURCE

Thread: Learning to praise Him - the graduate's commitment

Musical direction: C major, anthemic and forward-moving, about 120 BPM. The senior song - sing it at graduation. Full voices, full hearts.

Instruments: Graduate ensemble - arranged, rehearsed, and produced by the seniors themselves.

Teaching note: Sing the Grade 1 and Grade 5 songs in the same service as this one. Let the graduates hear how far they've come - from "clap your hands" to "I choose." That arc **is** the curriculum. This song belongs at every graduation.

Verse 1

Twelve years of songs have led me here,
Through every joy, through every tear.
The little tunes I used to sing
Have grown into a bigger thing.

Chorus

I choose to praise - not forced, not blind,
With open eyes and open mind!
Yahweh, my Creator, Father, Friend -
I will praise You to the end!
I choose to praise!

Verse 2

The world will offer other songs,
Loud and shiny, sweet and wrong.
But I've been taught, and now I know
Which melody will make me grow.
(Chorus)

Bridge

Kindergarten's simple tune,
Grade school mornings, afternoon -
Every song was building me
For the praise that's wild and free!

Final Chorus

I choose to praise - my own voice now,
Not my teacher's, anyhow!
Yahweh, take this song I raise:
My life, my choice, my praise!