

Songs Honouring Great Souls

Selected here are a few of the many songs Sri Chinmoy wrote for special programmes held at UN Headquarters in New York and other venues, some honouring great individuals who elevated the standard of humanity.

1. My Fellow Inhabitants

Words by John F. Kennedy
Music by Sri Chinmoy
November 21, 1977

♩ = 84 Moderate-slow



My— fel-low in - - ha - bi - tants of— this pla - - net:



let— us take— our— stand— here—



in— this as - - - sem - - bly— of— na - - - tions.



And let— us see— if— we, in our— own time,



can move— the world to - wards a just—



and— last - - - - - ing peace.—

My fellow inhabitants of this planet:
let us take our stand here in this assembly of nations.
And let us see if we, in our own time,
can move the world towards a just and lasting peace.

— John F. Kennedy

Closing words from the address by President John F. Kennedy to the UN General Assembly on 26 September 1963. Performed along with several other songs by Sri Chinmoy dedicated to the late President of the United States in two programmes at the United Nations organized by the Peace Meditation Group: one on 22 November 1977, televised live by WNBC-TV, and one on 21 November 1983, marking the 20th anniversary of his assassination.

2. I Am Rarely Enthusiastic

Words by Albert Einstein
Music by Sri Chinmoy
February 1979

$\bullet = 116$ Moderate

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Moderate' with a quarter note equal to 116 beats. The melody is simple and lyrical, with several triplet markings. The lyrics are: 'I am rare---ly en - - thu-si - as - - tic a - bout what the League of Na - - tions has done or not done, but I am al - - - - - ways thank - - - ful that it ex - - - - - ists.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

I am rare---ly en - - thu-si - as - - tic
a - bout what the League of Na - - tions
has done or not done,
but I am al - - - - - ways thank - - - ful
that it ex - - - - - ists.

I am rarely enthusiastic about what
the League of Nations has done or not done,
but I am always thankful that it exists.

– Albert Einstein

Performed along with several other songs by Sri Chinmoy dedicated to Albert Einstein at two programmes in honour of the unparalleled scientist's centennial organized by the Peace Meditation Group: one in conjunction with Princeton University held at the University on 18 March 1979, and the second held at the United Nations on 20 March 1979.

3. Nothing I Can Do or Say

Words by Albert Einstein
Music by Sri Chinmoy
February 26, 1979

$\text{♩} = 80$ Fast

No-thing I can do or say will change
the structure of the universe.
But maybe, by raising my voice,
I can help the great-est of all causes:
good will among men and peace on earth.

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4. Make a Peace

Words by Albert Einstein
Music by Sri Chinmoy
February 1979

♩ = 138 Fast

Make a peace that does not con-ceal a fu - ture war.

Make a peace that does not con-ceal a fu - ture war.

Make a peace that does not conceal a future war.

– Albert Einstein

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