

Preface

Although one of the youngest members of the collegiate brotherhood, the University of British Columbia has already achieved the reputation of a great academic institution. Owing, however, to the amazing rapidity of its growth, it is somewhat lacking in the traditional atmosphere of student "camaraderie" and "esprit de corps", which exists in the more venerable seats of learning. It is, therefore, with a great many hopes, not unmixed with some fears, that the Editors offer this Song Book to the student body. The need for a collection of songs, which could be sung by the students when they were gathered together, has long been realized. It is hoped that by supplying this need, the present volume will be a step forward in the development of a University Spirit and at the same time, it will, in years to come, serve to revive old memories for those who have bid farewell to their Alma Mater.

In many ways, this Song Book is a new venture. Not only is it the first to be published for the use of the students of the University of British Columbia, but it is also, as far as is known, the first pocket-sized Song Book to be produced on this continent. During the process of compilation, the Editors examined the song books of innumerable universities and came to the conclusion that what was needed, was not a large volume, but rather one which could be slipped into a pocket or purse, ready for any occasion.

Because of its compact size, it was deemed necessary to abbreviate, wherever possible, the music and verses of the songs. In this respect, the Editors have taken as their models the excellent pocket-size university song books which are used everywhere by the students in Europe.

In an attempt to include only those songs which would find favour with the student body, the Editors sought the assistance of a Compilation Committee. This Committee consisted of O Nora J. Clarke, President of the Women's Undergraduate Society, 1947-48; Jerry MacDonald, President of the Literary and Scientific Executive, 1947-48; John Fish, President of the Musical Society, 1947-49; Dave Hayward, President of the Jokers, 1945-47; Buzz Walker, Student Council Coordinator of Social Activities, 1946-47; and Don Ferguson, Editor-in-Chief of the Publications Board, 1947-48. The Committee spent a great deal of time and care selecting the songs which were chosen with the object of providing the greatest possible variety, suitable for every singer and any occasion. With this in mind, not only the old favorites were included, but also songs which, although unknown to most students of the University, are nevertheless well-tried and popular elsewhere. It is sincerely hoped that the students will accept these songs with the same enthusiasm with which they regard the old favorites.

In order to maintain a certain degree of continuity, the disposition of the songs in their various sections may, at times, seem somewhat unprecedented. There are some who may be startled to find a nonsensical song like "A Capital Ship" linked with the classics of the sea or translations of German student songs among the traditional British student songs. However, the Editors feel that the unity resulting from the classification of the songs according to subject matter more than compensates for what some may consider to be a lack of good taste.

The Editors are only too well aware of the many imperfections which this Song Book contains. They can but offer as their excuse, the fact that this is the first attempt that has been made along these lines, and, like all first attempts, is necessarily rather crude and unfinished. To posterity must be left the task of adding the polish and finesse which the present volume may lack.

The Editors are deeply grateful to all those who have been kind enough to offer them advice and encouragement. They are particularly indebted to Miss Virginia L. H. Bullied, at all times a willing guide and counsellor, whose knowledge enabled them to cut the Gordian Knot of copyrights, and to Mr. Alexander Borrowman, whose assistance and technical knowledge of printing have greatly simplified their task. The Editors wish to express their gratitude to those members of the Faculty, especially the Professors of the Language Departments, who have been so generous with their advice and encouragement. They also wish to thank those Universities who were kind enough to put their Song Books at the disposal of the Editors.

Every effort has been made to include various copyrighted songs, which, it was felt, would add greatly to the value of the book. Some publishers, however, remained adamant and, in spite of numerous requests, refused the necessary permission. To the following firms, therefore, the obligation is the greater for their courtesy, in permitting the Editors to include songs to which they hold the copyrights.

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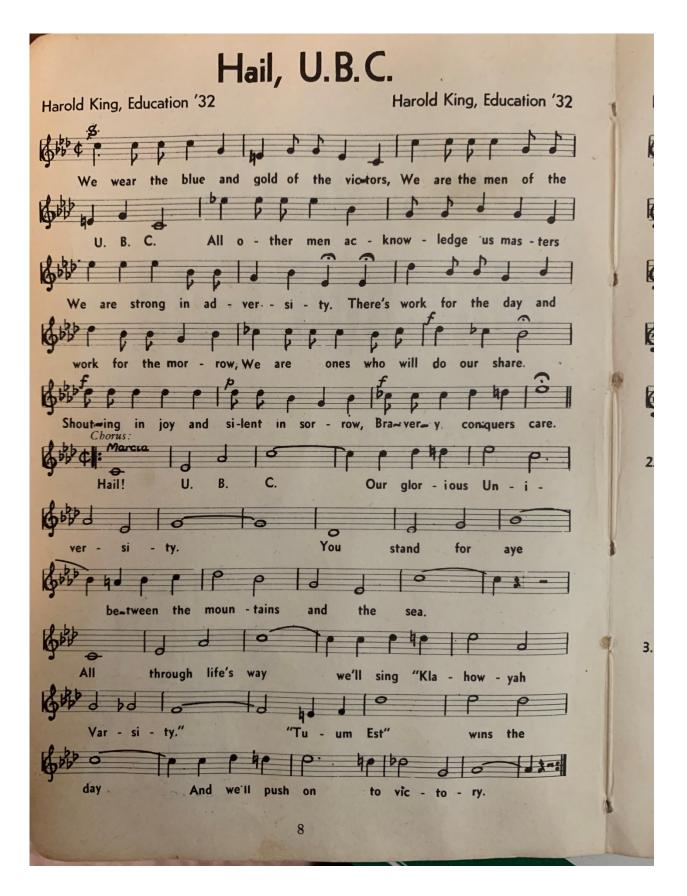
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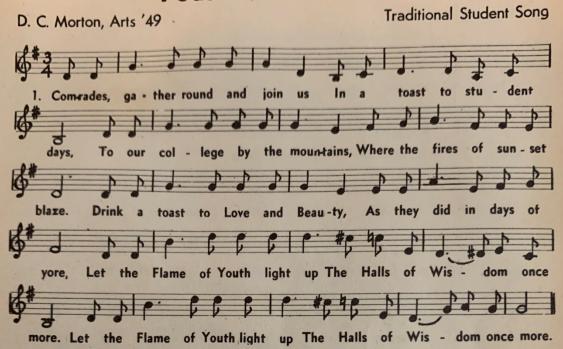
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Songs of the Blue and Gold





Toast to U.B.C.



- 2. When the evening shadows lengthen
 On the steps of old Brock Hall,
 Then the ghosts of long-gone students
 Gather on the silent Mall.
 For the Thunderbird is beating
 On the drums of victory,
 And beneath their Sunset Banners
 March the men of U. B. C.
 And beneath their Sunset Banners
 March the men of U. B. C.
- 3. In their crucibles the sages

 Muttered charms of alchemy,
 In the days when minstrel pages

 Sang the songs of chivalry;
 But in our hands all the past joy
 In our goblets' depth appears,
 Now transmuted to a golden

 Promise for the future years,
 Now transmuted to a golden

 Promise for the future years.
- 4. Comrades, on your feet and join us!

 Lift your brimming goblets high!

 Let the toast roll out like thunder!

 Let the echoes crack the sky!

 In the shadows of the mountains

 High above the Western sea,

 Comrades, one and all, come join us

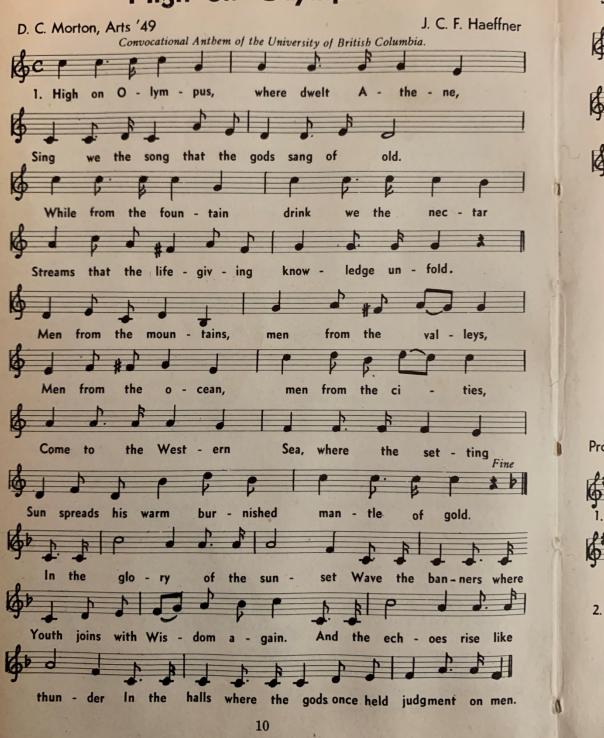
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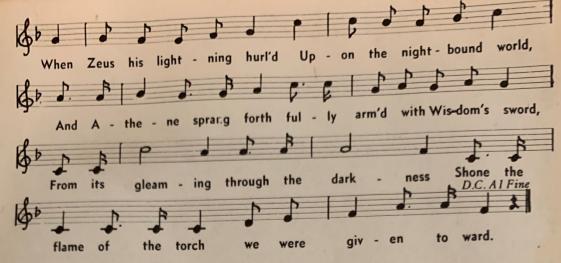
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High on Olympus



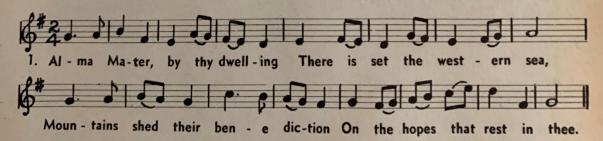




Alma Mater

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- 2. Alma Mater, to thy children
 In the spring-time of their years,
 Grant the faith that grows from knowledge,
 Courage that makes light of fears.
- 3. Alma Mater, thou hast kinship
 With the great of by-gone days,
 And the voices of our fathers
 Join with ours to sing thy praise.

