

DHARMA TUNES VOLUME 1



Dharma Tunes Volume 1 is a landmark publication in Malaysian Buddhism. For the first time, music notation for piano comes together with lyrics and guitar chords in a single volume of work. Dharma Tunes Volume 1 contains thirty-three Buddhist songs, ranging from timeless classics like “Wheel of Life” and “Why?” to the latest compositions such as “Sunshine of My Life” and “My Destiny”. The book contains the inspirational work of Bro. Tan Huat Chye of the Wayfarers, Bro. Daniel Yeo of D-Kidz, Bro. Daniel Kwok of i.gemz and many more. We gratefully acknowledge each of the composers who have gave their kind permission for the publication of their work.

The song book, which is estimated to have more than 100 pages, consists of several sections:

- Getting Started: A guide on introducing Buddhist songs into your Buddhist Society
- Section 1: Contains lyrics with guitar chords. The core Buddhist teaching contained in each song is notated
- Section 2: Piano arrangements, simple arrangement suitable for any piano student
- Audio CD: Contains previously unrecorded songs from the book, in sung and minus one versions

Sample Pages

Section 1: Lyrics with Guitar Chords

Birth of Buddha
 Music by: Daniel Yeo
 Lyrics by: Daniel Yeo
 Performed by: D-Kidz
 Intro: C G C G C G C
Verse:
 C
 In the ancient Land
 F C
 A child is Born
 F C
 Once in a time so long
 C
 And the gods and men
 C
 So they said
 G7 C
 Homage to the Lord
Repeat Verse
Chorus:
 C F C
 Nam o Tassa Bhagavato Arahato
 Dm C G7 C
 Samma Sambuddhassa
 C F C
 Nam o Tassa Bhagavato Arahato
 Dm C G7 C
 Samma Sambuddhassa
 C F C
 Nam o Tassa Bhagavato Arahato
 Dm C G7 C
 Samma Sambuddhassa
Repeat entire song
Buddhist Values:
 Life of Buddha, Triple Gem

Section 2: Piano Notation

BIRTH OF BUDDHA
 Music by Daniel Yeo
 Lyrics by Daniel Yeo
 Performed by I.M.M. Music Works
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 C G C G C G C
 In the
 C F C F C C
 an - cient Land A child is born once in a time so long And the
 C G7 C
 gods and men so they said Ho - mage to the Lord.

Dharma Tunes Volume 1 is published by Setenang Community. The first printing is for 1,000 copies that will be distributed to Buddhist Societies free of charge. We require RM 10,000 for this effort to defray the costs of music notation, layout design, song recording, mastering and printing. So far, we have collected about half of the required amount. Therefore, your support and contribution are much appreciated to make this landmark publication a reality.

Yours in the Dhamma,
Chong Su Lim
 Editor-in-Chief

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 All donors will be acknowledged in our publication. May the blessings of the Triple Gem be with you always! Sadhu!