

## Blessed

Lui Collins

You have given me the melody as it poured forth from my heart  
You have blessed me with the meter as it beat through my veins  
As I walk with You and listen, your words come to me  
Oh blessed are we this day.

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Oh blessed are we this day.*

Rain so gently falls to soak the earth, life bursts forth from the seed  
Roots go stretching down to draw their strength from the soil  
Upward grows the plant always reaching toward the hot, beating sun  
Oh blessed are we this day.

You grace us with Your wisdom, love bursts forth from our hearts  
We plant our feet upon the earth to draw our strength  
Open wide our arms reaching toward the sky, we're flooded with light  
Oh blessed are we this day.

May we walk within Your melody as it pours forth from our hearts  
May we step within the meter as it beats through our veins  
Open wide our ears and listening, hear Your words spoken clearly  
Blessed are we this day.

## Composer Information

“Blessed” - Folk singer/songwriter **Lui Collins** has been performing, writing and recording for over 40 years, earning international acclaim for her music. Her repertoire, accompanied on tenor ukulele and banjo, ranges from original and traditional folk songs and American standards to bossa nova in the original Brazilian Portuguese. She's made 16 CDs, performed on others' projects, and shared the stage with such folk-world notables as Tom Rush, Bonnie Raitt, and Stan Rogers.

Lui has been hailed by the Boston Herald as a “folksinger for our times” and by the Boston Globe as “one of New England's first and brightest stars.” - luicollins.net

“Prvi Let Malog Vrapa” - **Bruno Bjelinski** (1909-1992) was one of the most influential composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was born to a Jewish family in Italy, but moved to Zagreb, Croatia at an early age. He studied both law and music and began composing in 1930s. During WWII he was sent to a concentration camp but was able to escape with help from a friend. Bjelinski's work is characterized by optimism and rhythmic motion. In this piece you can hear the little sparrow taking its first tentative flight and later, swooping with success! -Wikipedia.org