

#### 4. How Can We Keep from Singing – for Pete

**(G) C F / C G / C F C / C G C /  
C - / C - / C F C / C G C**

**Our lives flow on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation.  
We hear the real, tho' far off hymn  
That hails the new creation**

**Above the tumult and the strife,  
We hear the music ringing;  
It sounds an echo in our souls  
How can we keep from singing?**

**Although the tempest loudly roars,  
We hear the truth, it liveth.  
And though the darkness took our Pete,  
Songs through the night he giveth.**

**No storm can shake our inmost calm  
While to that rock we're clinging.  
Since love is lord of Heaven and earth  
How can we keep from singing?**

**When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
And hear their death-knell ringing,  
When friends rejoice both far and near,  
How can we keep from singing?**

**In prison cell and dungeon vile  
Our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends by shame remain undefiled,  
How can we keep from singing?**

**The peace of song restores our souls  
A fountain ever springing.  
All things are ours, since we are loved  
How can we keep from singing?**