Side Notes: This song originated from a Swedish Folk melody and the lyrics for the original song came from a poem written by Carl Broberg in Sweden in 1885. About the moment the song came to him, Broberg wrote, "It was that time of year when everything seemed to be in its richest colouring; the birds were singing in trees... It was very warm; a thunderstorm appeared on the horizon and soon thunder and lightning... When I came home I opened my window toward the sea..." and then he heard the bells from the chuch. The words and tune spread throughout Germany, Russia, India and South America.

I believe there is music all around us and a soundtrack that accompanies our lives. Sometimes if you listen closely, you can hear that soundtrack. While walking the cobblestone streets of a remote area of Northern Argentina during my mission, I heard a woman who was singing this song and I came to the realization that no matter your beliefs, music through the spirit knows no language barriers and is one of the most powerful tools for spreading the gospel and message of Jesus Christ. Hopefully, this arrangement can help you feel the same spirit that Carl Brosberg felt the day he had the inspiration to pen the lyrics to this song.





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