

M O T H E R E M M A N U E L A M E C H U R C H , C H A R L E S T O N , S C , 1 8 2 2 :  
CROSS-ANKLE CHURCH, PALMETTO, GA, 1899: GREEN LEAF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KEELING, TN,  
1900: RED TOP CHURCH, HOPKINSVILLE, KY, 1915: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CARTERET, NJ, 1926:

## FISK JUBILEE PROCLAMATION

(CHORAL)

*O sing unto the Lord a new song . . .* (Psalm 96)

O, sing . . . undo the world with blued song  
born from newly freed throats. Sprung loose from lungs  
once bound within bonded skin. Scored from dawn  
to dusk with coffle and lash. Every tongue  
unfurled as the body's flag. Every breath  
conjured despite loss we've had. Bear witness  
to the birthing of our hymn from storied depths  
of America's sin. Soul-worn psalms, blessed  
in our blood through dark lessons of the past  
struggling to be heard. Behold—the bold sound  
we've found in ourselves that was hidden, cast  
out of the garden of freedom. It's loud  
and unbeaten, then soft as a newborn's face—  
each note bursting loose from human bondage.

FULTON STREET ME CHURCH, CHICAGO, IL, 1927: SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH,  
DETROIT, MI, 1930: MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, EGG HARBOR CITY, NJ, 1935: MOUNT  
METHODIST CHURCH, HENDERSON, NC, 1940: NEGRO METHODIST CHURCH, LOGANVILLE, GA, 1947: