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1 Chronicles 15:16 *“David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers to sing joyful songs, accompanied by musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.”*

2 Chronicles 5:12 *“All the Levites who were musicians – Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives – stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets.”*

Matthew 26:30 *“When they had sung a hymn, they went to the Mount of Olives.”*

We think music is uniquely part of human nature. We write, perform and appreciate it but who is to say that birdsong and the mournful sounds of whales in the deep is not their music making rather than just communication.

Old Testament ceremony around the Ark of the Covenant must have been a right cacophony but its purpose was to offer joyful praise to God. Perhaps the hymn singing by the disciples was more in the way of boosting their confidence in threatening circumstances.

Today religious praise in hymns, chants, choral pieces and classical music abound. We should embrace the chance to use joyful singing as an expression of our love for God.