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Introductory Thoughts

Why do we need to study the songs we sing?
To help us think more seriously about the words
To understand what we are singing

Missionaries have had difficulty translating songs into the native tongues
Words have different meaning
Pitch of the song has meaning

For Example
Take the name of Jesus with you translated out as
Chew the name of Jesus with you

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Who is Tillit S. Teddlie?

A Member of the Lord's Church

Born June 3, 1885 in Swan, Texas

Great Song Leader

Great Preacher

Passed away at age 102

His Interest in Music Began at Age 4

He wrote approximately 100 songs

Began teaching singing schools at age 18 after a full day of picking cotton

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Oft We Come Together

Most Generally Sung to Prepare Our Minds for the Lord's Supper

Important to Remember Christ's Death and its Meaning to Us

He had already written "When We Meet in Sweet Communion"

He thought we need a song that was a little slower and more to the point

Brother Teddlie remarked "*It's the most complete song I ever wrote*"

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In Heaven They're Singing

Each of the Verses of This Song Presents a Great Message

Verse 1 - Wonderful Theme - Praising God

Verse 2 - Beauty of Heaven

Verse 3 - Beautiful Music in Heaven

Revelation 15:1-3

Brother Teddlie remarked - "*The angels were singing when Christ was born and they'll be singing about love in heaven*"

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Angels are Singing

Written During a Singing School He was Conducting

He thought of the tremendous impact the church could have through singing

He thought about harmonizing with the angels

1 Peter 1:18-18

Ephesians 1:7

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Swiftly We're Turning

**Have You Noticed That Brother Teddlie
Enjoyed Writing and Singing About Heaven**

**This Song Tells of the Swiftness with Which
We are Heading Towards Eternity**

*As we move quickly toward that day we are left with
a task - **To share the Good news with others***

1 Thessalonians 2:4

2 Corinthians 4:7

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What Will Your Answer Be

Matthew 25:31-33

**Brother Teddlie had been holding a meeting in
west Texas**

*On his way home he stopped in Vernon, Texas
He found out that brother Horace Busby was
holding a meeting there, so he decided to spend
the night*

*He then found out that the court was in session
The judge was going to pass the death sentence on
a young boy from Amarillo*

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What Will Your Answer Be

Brother Teddlie had been holding a meeting in west Texas

The boy had killed a mother and her baby and buried them in a field

Brother Teddlie had never been in a courtroom where they passed the death sentence, so he went to watch

“The judge asked the large audience to rise. I bowed my head while he was giving out the sentence. It just sent a chill through me and the whole audience. You could just feel something terrible”

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Concluding Thoughts

Brother Teddlie Wrote Many Other Songs that we cannot look at due to time constraints

My Aim Throughout Our Song Studies Has Been That We Will All Take More Time to Think About the Words of the Songs We Sing

One Final Thought

Anyone who wants to accomplish great things for the Lord can accomplish them

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