

# The Birth of Harmony

Music is an art form that has always held a great attraction for me. I do not have any musical talent – vocal or instrumental – but those sounds possessing melody, harmony or rhythm have always captured my interest and attention, as is the case with most people. Music can inspire, motivate, entertain, encourage, and address our many moods. In truth, it speaks to us in ways that no other medium can.

Men and women who have abilities in music are admired. I am reminded, however, of an old story that tells of a contest to see who was the greatest musician.

Many came, one by one, and played their instruments without being declared the greatest. Then some friends who played several different instruments came. None of them wanted to be considered better than their friends, so they all played at the same time. They listened for one another's music and made their own music blend in. They treated one another as if their friends were the greatest musicians.

For the first time, the world heard harmony, the melodious sum of many instruments playing together, each one adding fullness and beauty to the music.

In the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles and in the work of Life Care at Home, that lesson should not be lost. Each of us has been given certain talents, or gifts, from God. When we treat one another well and have the same minds toward one another, we are able to blend these skills together to bring harmony to our environment and the best service to our residents.

In the spiritual realm, God bestows gifts on His children to bring grace and beauty to the world around us. Be thankful today for your special endowments. You are unique and designed to honor and glorify Him, and the way we do it best is by serving others.

--Beecher Hunter