

**“SAY IT WITH MUSIC”
Honoring Sidney Cox
CLEARWATER CITADEL CORPS
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Editorial Note: I transcribed this from a cassette tape made of this occasion. The audio quality on the tape was very poor. There are many sections of dialogue that were inaudible. Nevertheless, by listening and reading along, it is my hope that one can discover the joy and happiness present in the meeting that night as the officers and soldiers in Clearwater, many of whom were trained under Sidney Cox in Atlanta, celebrated and remembered their mentor, leader and friend.

J. Douglas Cox, grandson of Sidney and Violet Cox. January 2009.

The Program

Band Ensemble March – “Joy In Following” Clearwater Citadel Band

Welcome and Prayer – Commissioner Willard Evans

Welcome tonight to our annual “Say It With Music,” our annual keynote concert featuring our corps pianists who give constant and proficient service to our church. We’re grateful to them, for their talent that they have dedicated to God. And so we hope you enjoy tonight. Just sit back relax and enjoy an evening of spiritual fellowship.

Shall we pray together.

It is the thing father to pause in gratitude for your blessing, for the gift of friends who encourage us, the gift of love which enriches us, for the gift of music which encompasses us. We thank thee for Christian talent given freely, for Christian commitment given unto service, for Christian service given faithfully. Open our spirits tonight to receive with our hearts, to adore in our hearts, to enjoy the message of music through the lives of the individuals, the talented individuals this night. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Tonight, we’re going to do something just a little different. We’re going to honor the music of Sidney E. Cox. It’s a name that’s well-known of course to all Salvationists, but it’s a name that’s also familiar in musical circles around the world. Pick up a hymnal from almost any denomination and you’ll find a song or a chorus with his name attached.

Do you remember, and you’ll to go back in your memory for some of you, do you remember some of those: “This One Thing I Know.” And the ensemble played, “There’s Joy In Following.” “He Sought Me When I Was Wandering Far Away.” And the prayer chorus that we use so often, “All There Is Of Me Lord.”

The String Band – Lt. Colonel Al Avery, Leader

Commissioner Evans: So tonight, listen to the String Band as they remind us of Sidney Cox's number, "You Can Tell Out The Sweet Story. You, Yes, You."

Tell out the wonderful story,
 Tell it where 'er you go,
 Tell of the king and his glory,
 Tell how he loved us so.
 This is the story most precious,
 Jesus has died to redeem us,
 You can tell out the sweet story. You, yes, you.

Chorus:

You can tell out the sweet story. You, yes, you
 Somebody's life will be brighter,
 Somebody's care will be lighter,
 You can tell out the sweet story. You, yes, you.

Never a story so wondrous,
 Tell it to all around,
 While we were sinners He loved us,
 Mercy and grace abound,
 Wand'ring and weary He sought us,
 Back from the father He bought us,
 You can tell out the sweet story. You, yes, you.

Wonderful story of Jesus,
 Tell every sin sick soul,
 Wonderful message of mercy,
 Jesus can make them whole,
 Still flows the wonderful river,
 From ev'ry sin to deliver,
 You can tell out the sweet story. You, yes, you.

United Pianos – Commissioner Ronald G. Irwin, Commissioner Raymond Cooper, Major Pat Rowland, Commissioner Alice Baxendale

Commissioner Evans: Next, we have the opportunity to enjoy the United Pianists – Irwin, Cooper, Baxendale and Rowland, as we enjoy a number of Sid Cox, "This Is What The Lord Has Done."

A Remembrance. Mrs. Commissioner Marie Evans.

I first met Sidney Cox when I was a little girl of eight years of age. He was the Territorial Youth Secretary in the Southern Territory, and he had come to Jacksonville to conduct a youth conference with my father, who was a Divisional Youth Secretary for the _____
 _____ Division.

Usually when he conducted a special meeting or special event, Sidney Cox always wrote a song or a chorus for that occasion. For the _____ youth conference, he came over to our house, and he began to share in a song that he was going to be leading in youth councils for that day. Now don't ask me what the song was. I don't remember. It's probably a sign of age. I was more interested in the concertina that he was playing, rather than the words he was singing. For you see, the concertina was very much a part of Sidney E. Cox. It was so much a part that even after he would finish one song, or one chorus, he would play the concertina. Oh yes, he would swing it to the right, swing it to the left. And it would be up or down, up or down. He enjoyed himself as he marched down the _____ platform with his concertina. Certainly, he was a man who was a musical genius of the concertina. I'm afraid that the accordion came along and that the concertina _____ . So today, we honor him for his concertina.

Congregational Singing - Commissioner Willard Evans

So join us in congregational singing. Now, perhaps for some of our visitors, some of these choruses or songs will not be familiar to you, so you just hum along or sing. It won't take you long because he had a habit of writing singable songs, and you'll find the words on the screen behind. Here's one that you may remember, at least the chorus, "In My Heart There's A Gladsome Melody."

In my heart there's a gladsome melody,
A song of cheer is ringing clear,
For my heavy burden rolled away,
What a happy, happy day.

Chorus:
In my heart today,
There's a melody in my heart today,
I carried a heavy burden, but it rolled away,
There's a melody in my heart today.

And the way grows brighter ev'ry day,
What peace is mine! What joy divine!
And the load of sin that burdened me,
Rolled away at Calvary.

...and then he would strike a new chord and we had never sung that chorus before. Oh my goodness, they've got us confused here (believe the words disappeared from the overhead screen), but it's singable, isn't it? ...Let's sing that chorus one more time....you remember the words,

In my heart today,
There's a melody in my heart today,
I carried a heavy burden, but it rolled away,
There's a melody in my heart today.

...unusual before us and many, many other church members, "God's Love is Wonderful." Wonderful that he should give his son to die for me, God's love is wonderful.

God's love to me is wonderful,
That he should deign to hear,
The faintest whisper of my heart,
Wipe from my eyes the tear,
And tho' I cannot comprehend,
Such love, so great, so deep,
In his strong hands my soul I trust,
He will not fail to keep.

Chorus:
God's love is wonderful,
God's love is wonderful,
Wonderful that he should give his son to die for me,
God's love is wonderful.

"I Am Amazed," another of Sidney Cox songs. Now, many of you will know the chorus, and are very familiar with that, but the verse may be a little new to some of you, so we'll run through it and see how you do on the verse, "I Am Amazed."

I am amazed when I think of God's love,
So wonderful, matchless and free,
The love that could see, from eternity,
Something worth saving in sinners like me.

Chorus:
I am amazed that the Saviour should die,
For sinners like me and like you,
That we may be saved by the work he has done,
And not by the work that we do.
But it's true, it's true,
This wonderful story so old but so new,
I am amazed that the Saviour should die,
For sinners like me and like you.

...had this morning, "My Lord Knows The Way Through The Wilderness." Many of you have sung that through the years. One of Sid Cox's lovely choruses we shall never forget,

My Lord knows the way through the wilderness,
All I have to do is follow,
My Lord knows the way through the wilderness,
All I have to do is follow.

Strength for today, is mine all way,
 And all I need for tomorrow,
 My Lord knows the way through the wilderness,
 All I have to do is follow.

Men's Double Quartet – Major Albert Rowland, Lt. Colonel Al Avery, Gordon Palmer, Ron Smith, Campbell Robinson, Paul Bridges, Rob McMahon, Colonel William Speck

Commissioner Evans: Now we'll listen with pleasure to a Men's Double Quartet, "This One Thing I Know." If a quartet is generally excellent, then a double quartet ought to be superb.....

Jesus came to save me, by his precious blood,
 Purchased my salvation, brought me home to God,
 Cleansed my heart as white as snow,
 This one thing I know.

Chorus:

This one thing I know,
 This one thing I know,
 God in great mercy pardon'd me,
 Snapped sin's fetters and set me free,
 Once I was blind, but now I see,
 This one thing I know.

Jesus lives to keep me,
 O what wondrous love,
 In the Father's presence, advocate above,
 Keeps me when sins' tempests blow,
 This one thing I know.

What a precious Saviour,
 Of his grace I sing,
 Once despised, rejected,
 Soon our coming King,
 On my path His light doth glow,
 This one thing I know.

A Remembrance – Commissioner Williard Evans. 23:30 thru

My first contact with the Coxes came when we were Corps Officers in Jonesboro, North Carolina, and we invited them to come to our corps to do a revival meeting. In those days you had two revivals, one in the spring for two weeks, and one in the fall for two weeks. They came to do our fall revival. And we were so encouraged, but . I imagine I had to worry since I , you know. We were so encouraged by their ministry to us.

On the way to Jonesboro, riding on the train, he heard the rumble of the wheels moving constantly, and he sat down and wrote the chorus that he premiered in our corps, and I was not as familiar perhaps as some of us were to him you know, but it's been special to us ever since. Here it is, and if you know it, please join with me will you –

X S.E.C. " NEVER FEAR " SIDNEY E. COX

NEVER FEAR, NEVER FEAR, NEVER FEAR, YOUR HEAVENLY
 FATHER WATCHES O'ER THEE, NEVER FEAR, NEVER FEAR NEVER
 FEAR, HIS HAND WILL CLEAR THE WAY BE FORE THEE, THERE'S A
 PILLAR OF CLOUD BY DAY, AND A PILLAR OF FIRE BY
 NIGHT, NEVER FEAR, NEVER FEAR, NEVER FEAR, THOU ART PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT.

Tithes & Offerings – Colonel William Speck

Inaudible comments and prayer.

Offertory – Harold Broughton, Piano. Sidney Cox Medley.

“I Am Amazed”

“He Sought Me – O What A Wonderful Today”

“The Song In My Heart – In My Heart A Song Is Singing”

“A Melody In My Heart – There’s A Melody In My Heart Today”

“By The Pathway Of Duty”

A Remembrance. Mrs. Commissioner Marie Evans.

Thank you Harold. We appreciate you very enjoyable .

Sidney Cox and my parents were very close friends, and shortly after the passing of his wife, Violet, he decided to make a trip to San Francisco to visit with my parents for several weeks. While he was there, we decided to take advantage of his presence, and invited him to come to the School for Officers Training to lecture to the cadets. During that lecture, he invited the cadets to take out their songbook and take with him a journey

through the chorus section, and he had them write in their songbook every chorus that he had written. And when they came to the very last one, they'd come to 27 choruses in our songbook at that time.

Then he looked at them and he said, "To have a good chorus, you must have three qualifications. One – it must be built on scripture. Two – it must be _____. Three – it must be singable. And true, as you have sung his choruses tonight, we have found all three incorporated.

About 3 ½ years ago, the and us were visiting the country along North Carolina area, we walked into one one night, and you know we felt right at home, for they were singing one of Sidney Cox's choruses, "Deep and Wide." Now, do you remember singing "Deep and Wide" in Sunday School, and all the actions that you did with it? Well now, it is no secret, that my husband disliked, I mean really disliked action choruses. But he might indulge me tonight. And I invite you to stand and sing with me, with the actions, "Deep and Wide," all in the memory and the honor of Sidney E. Cox. _____ my husband.

Deep and wide, deep and wide,
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.
Deep and wide, deep and wide,
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

...put it on the calendar the time and the place Willard sang an action chorus and he may never sing it again.

Vocal Duet – Jacque and Steve Hull. "If Your Heart's Right With God"

Mrs. Commissioner Evans: We're so happy to have with us Jacque and Steve Hull. Jacque's the daughter of . . . come and share with us another Sidney Cox song. . . .

There is victory in temptation,
Grace for ev'ry hour of need,
If your heart is right with God,
If your heart is right with God.
You will find a heav'nly meaning,
In life's ev'ry thought and deed,
If your heart, if your heart is right with God.

Chorus:
If your heart's right with God,
If your heart's right with God,
You may know the joy of vict'ry,
Ev'ry hour of ev'ry day,
If your heart's right with God.

There will shine a wondrous glory,

From your life from day to day,
 If your heart is right with God,
 If your heart is right with God.
 You will scatter richest blessings,
 As you walk along life's way,
 If your heart, if your heart is right with God.

You may know the deepest secrets,
 Of our Heav'nly Father's will,
 If your heart is right with God,
 If your heart is right with God.
 He is waiting to be gracious,
 With His pow'r your life to fill,
 If you heart, if your heart is right with God.

United Pianos – Colonel John Bate, Major Albert Rowland, Major Mel James, Mona Haskell

Mrs. Commissioner Evans: Once again, we're going to hear from the United Pianos, another group of talented individuals, and it's a pleasure to present to you John Bate, Mel James, Al Rowland and Mona Haskell. Let's give them a little .

“The Song In My Heart – In My Heart A Song Is Singing”

Congregational Singing - Commissioner Willard Evans

Once again played as we come to Sid Cox, “When His Love Reached Me” he set my heart a singing.

Chorus only:
 When His love reached me, He set my heart a singing,
 When His love reached me, wondrous love reached me,
 And the bells of Heav'n with harmony are ringing,
 For His love reached me.

“O, What A Wonderful Day” - he sought me when I was wandering far away.

The Saviour sought and found me,
 Far from the narrow way,
 He made my blinded eyes to see,
 On that wonderful, wonderful day.

Chorus:
 He sought me, He sought me,
 When I was wandering far away,
 He found me, He found me,
 O, what a wonderful day.

He lifted sin's great burden,
 He saw my deep dismay,
 And graciously He pardoned me,
 On that wonderful, wonderful day.

My sin was red like crimson,
 He washed it all away,
 He filled my heart with melody,
 On that wonderful, wonderful day.

“Swing Wide The Door Of Your Heart,” and old familiar one we know in the Army, perhaps . “Swing Wide The Door Of Your Heart” to the king of kings.

Are you seeking joys that will not fade,
 Lasting pleasure by God's mercy made?
 Christ is waiting, fullness of joy He brings,
 Swing wide the door of your heart to the King of kings.

Chorus:
 Swing wide the door of your heart to the King of kings,
 Bid Him welcome, for wonderful peace he brings,
 He will shelter thee under His outstretched wings,
 Swing wide the door of your heart to the King of kings.

.....a chorus that you will remember, “By The Pathway Of Duty” flows the river of God's grace.

Chorus only:
 By the pathway of duty, flows the river of God's grace,
 By the pathway of duty, flows the river of God's grace.

Vocal Duet – Lt. Col. Dorothy Brown & Fred Boycott “Does Your Light Shine Bright And Clear.”

Commissioner Evans: Now we're pleased to have two of our Canadian Salvationists for this duet, “Does Your Light Shine Bright And Clear.” And we're pleased tonight to have our brother and sister from Michigan, Col. Dorothy Brown and Fred Boycott. Will you greet them tonight. (Applause)

Following their duet, we will have the devotional tonight, Commissioner Anne Ditmer.

Lt. Colonel Dorothy Brown: Some of us have said you can just speak or _____ at the meeting with us tonight, but, with music! (Laughter) I have the last memories _____ him cause he was coming to Mobile for a meeting, when he died. (Gasps) And some of you came the next night. I also want to tell you what I've always find in my _____ because it dates back in my memories when we were officer friends from our training. _____ goes

back in my memories. And most of all . (Laughter) for the last two trips when we were facing 10 and 5 and trips to England and then nevermore.

Does your light shine clear on life's high road,
With a steady and unfailing ray?
Does it flash its message plain to the wand'rer,
To the one who in sin's gloom has gone astray?

Chorus:

Does your light shine bright and clear?
Does your light shine bright and clear?
Is your lamp all trimmed and ready?
Is it burning bright and steady?
Does your light shine bright and clear?

Does your light shine clear thru the tempest,
When the raging billows crash and foam?
Does it mark the way that leads thru the waters,
To the glory of the heav'nly Father's home?

Let your light shine clear all around you,
Lift the lamp of hope and love always,
It will reach some weary soul in the darkness,
Keep it trimmed and burning brightly ev'ry day.

Devotional Thought – Commissioner Anne Ditmer.

Now I , you have to be careful what you ask the Lord for. connection because and thank the Lord a couple of years before he came into my life of not being able to do too much that when I'm done and I don't know I thought and um here's a thought.

So I was preparing this devotional, I struggled with what to call it thankful to his messages and I thought, "What am I going to call it". So, I called it "Random Thoughts On God's Creation". I don't know if . We were and .

"Random thoughts on God's creation"

When Stan and I were camping near the Grand Canyon, I woke up one night in the middle of the night and sat outside of our trailer, and I saw the heavens as I have never ever seen them before. We were at a very high elevation away from all of the lights, and all of the pollution and the sky, the stars were absolutely incredible. And I looked up into the bright sky and there were absolutely thousands and thousands of bright stars. I started thinking that I was totally surrounded by the heavens, and I was absolutely overwhelmed. And that night, I had a new understanding of the magnificence of God's creation. I'm all alone on this planet and then I thought - insignificant , looking up and knowing that the God who created all of that also created me, and he loved me, and

he cared about me, and I was humbled as I've never been humbled before, and I found the love of God in my soul that night, and I have never forgotten that night.

And I was reminded of the scripture, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, What is man, that you are mindful of him, the son of man, that you visit him." (Psalms 8:3-4)

Well, the next night _____, the rangers were there and had this giant telescope. When it was my turn to look through it, I was amazed again, because there was Jupiter right there in front of me. It looked like you could reach right out and touch it. And the moons were circling it and it was so fabulous and so marvelous and I just couldn't believe it. I just wanted to look and look, it was so wonderful. Finally the rangers had to tap me on the shoulder and encourage me to move on so that others could have a turn. And I was so moved once again by God's creation.

As usual we ended our trip at _____, and we read in the paper that there was going to be a wonderful display of a meteor shower, and that the best place to go was a place called _____ Point, and we were very excited about that because that was what we had experienced, at last we thought once again we're going to see _____. So, off we went, and on the way, we passed this wonderful ice cream place, called _____, and we bought ourselves double-decker, double-dip ice cream, and boy they're big, and we went on to _____ Point with our ice cream cones. We got there and found our spot, and we were there 10:00 _____, only to have as quite often happens in camping, a missing _____ came skipping over and gracefully ends it. We were so disappointed that I went home, got on the scales and got another _____. (Laughter) That's why every time I come home from a _____, I have to go on a diet.

But to this day, I look up to the heavens. When it gets dark, my eyes immediately look up in the skies to see what is going on up there. And I do love things on the Earth as well. And I love flowers. I love to grow them. I love to pick them _____ a lot, and its wonderful. I'll not worry about that I'll make tomorrow's coffee. That kind of thing _____.

I grew up with flowers _____ a neighbor lady who always had a lot of flower gardens. I was fascinated to hear about a lily which only grows in India. It grows on a long vine that starts to crawl along the ground. The unusual thing about this lily is that it keeps on the ground, it creeps on the ground until it finds a cactus plant, and then it climbs up the _____ and finally, when it gets to the top of the cactus plant, there at the first place at the top, it unfolds its banner, it's beautiful pedals, and becomes a lily. It is known as _____. It's beauty is yet unformed. It's magnificent on top _____. The thorn of life becomes _____. Something _____, and something _____.

Years ago in the corps, whom I admired so much _____ like the thorn of your personal _____. Of course, we can take in our heart the word of the Lord, "My grace is sufficient for you and my power is made perfect in witness." And you're moving. You are flying up to paradise. A beautiful flower, a part of God _____.

Once this corps finally experienced it. So we packed up and managed . It is true that we were . We'd loved to have stayed there, but it was not possible. Staring at the glory of God in the heavens is a wonderful thing. And seeing more of his creation . It's almost like vacuum of the universe in which we live and this is spiritual renewal. But we can't live everyday thinking of these things. As we live through our disappointments, and we have them don't we, I do. We can't live thru our disappointments, even ice cream cones. It would be nice, but we can't. Nor can of that magnificent lily in India.

I think Sidney Cox got it right in his lovely, quite song of creation, as he wrote that song,

Make my heart a garden,
So that flowers may grow,
Shedding heav'nly beauty in this world below,
Jesus, thine own fragrance, by thy love impart,
Lily of the valley, bloom within my heart.

Jesus, Jesus, lily of the valley,
Bloom in all thy beauty in the garden of my heart.

That is my prayer tonight. That is my flower. I don't know moving. And we live in a most special moving time that makes an impact on our heart and on our lives, that day by day in the garden of our heart and he, the lily of the valley, blooms within our heart and helps us quiet time and . Sing that chorus with me.

Jesus, Jesus, Lily of the valley,
Bloom in all thy beauty in the garden of my heart.
Jesus, Jesus, Lily of the valley,
Bloom in all thy beauty in the garden of my heart.

Sing it again.

Jesus, Jesus, Lily of the valley,
Bloom in all thy beauty in the garden of my heart.
Jesus, Jesus, Lily of the valley,
Bloom in all thy beauty in the garden of my heart.

Closing Song – Commissioner Willard Evans. “I Love Him Better Every Day”

Thank you Anne.....thank you so much. And I need to express a word of appreciaton to Ruth Woods, producer, rehearser, director (Applause).

Announcements.

In conclusion, “I Love Him Better Every Day.” chorus of Sidney Cox, “I Love Him Better Every Day.”

I love him better everyday,

I love him better everyday,
 Close by his side, I will abide,
 I love him better everyday.

More Announcements.

Doxology – Colonel John Bate. “Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace”

Many of you came without a song in your heart ...Sid Cox . It's a song that isn't written by Sidney Cox...and tonight...concentrate on the person. We do not worwhip and as long as we do (Hallelujah) and tonight Sidney Cox prayer .

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
 Whose mind is stayed on Thee.
 When the shadows come and darkness falls,
 He giveth inward peace.
 O He is the only perfect resting place,
 He giveth perfect peace!
 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
 Whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Thank God for Sidney Cox.