

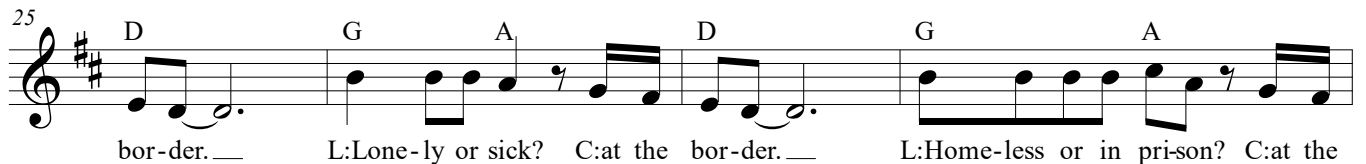
# Children At the Border

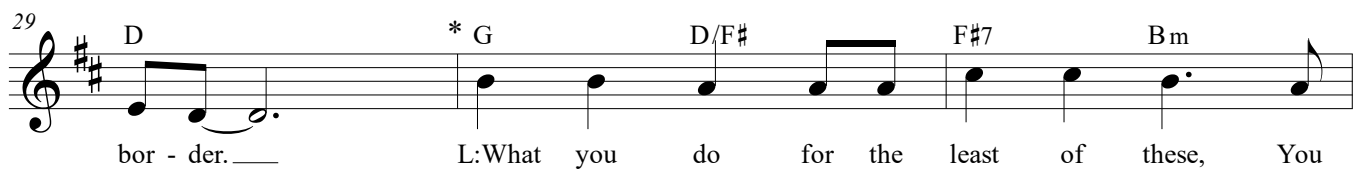
Biblical reference: Matthew 25: 31-46

$\text{♩} = 60$  L = Leader C = Congregation

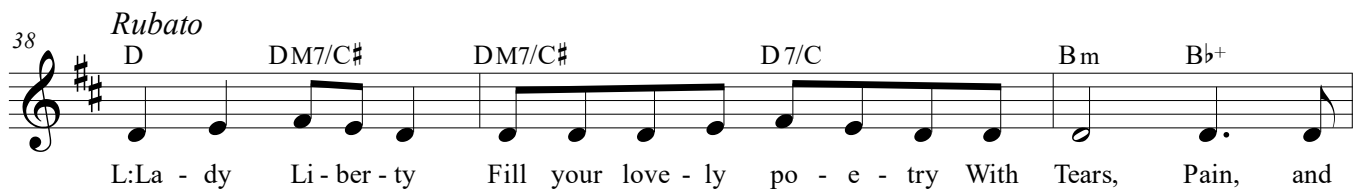
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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music, each with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a D chord and a melody of quarter notes. The second staff starts with a G chord and continues the melody. The third staff has a D chord and a melody that includes a dotted quarter note. The fourth staff begins with a G chord and a melody of quarter notes. The fifth staff starts with a D chord and a melody of quarter notes. The sixth staff has a G chord and a melody of quarter notes. The seventh staff begins with a D chord and a melody of quarter notes. The eighth staff starts with a G chord and a melody of quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Chil-dren at the bor-der Knock-ing on the door. Chil-dren at the bor-der Knock-ing on the door. Some es-cap-ing drug lords, Some es-cap-ing war, There are chil-dren, chil-dren, chil-dren! What are we wait-ing for? L:Some say 'They're not our chil-dren. Not our af-fair. Round them up. Send them back. We don't care.' But ma-n-y peo-ple ev-ery-where See Christ wait-ing there at the bor-der... C:at the bor-der. L:Lord, when did we see you hun-gry? C:at the bor-der. L:When did we see you thir-sty? C:at the bor-der. L:Nak-ed and scared? C:at the

25 

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38 *Rubato* 

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\*Here you may add additional call and response lines such as:

What would Dr. King do? At the border.

What would I do? At the border.

Etc.

**This song can be made interfaith friendly by inserting the names of prophets of other faiths.**

\*\* Here the following is narrated over a vamp:

**“Give me your tired,  
your poor,  
your huddled masses  
yearning to breathe free.”**

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