

# Directions for Singing

after John Wesley in *Select Hymns*, 1761

Directions for singing.  
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Learn these tunes before you learn any others.  
Afterwards, learn as many as you please.  
Sing them exactly as they are printed here,  
without altering or mending them at all.  
If you learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it!

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Sing all, joining with the congregation.  
Sing lustily and with good courage.  
Beware of singing as if half dead.  
But lift your voice with strength.  
Be no more afraid  
than when you sung the songs of Satan.

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Sing modestly and do not bawl,  
so as to be heard above the rest.  
Sing in time and do not drawl.  
Above all sing spiritually.

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