

I've begun getting my next CD together, a compilation of deeply evocative chants, all in English. Through creative repetition and rich harmonies, each chant invites us into our depths, not only through the sound of the chants and their musical arrangements, but also through the conscious meaning of the words, which sinks in more and more deeply as each chant progresses.

The chants are deceptively simple, taking phrases like "Let there be Grace flowing through my life" and "I open to the Mystery" and presenting them in a way that allows the actual significance of the phrase to take deep root in us. We are thus moved not only emotionally and spiritually, but also psychologically. People attending my music evenings, at which I primarily sing these chants, have been clearly and deeply moved, always requesting a CD of the chants. I am looking forward to making my chants available to a much larger audience!

I have been so fortunate to find Stevin MacNamara, an accomplished composer/musician and a world-class recording engineer, who is arranging the CD (www.yogitar.com). In his words: "Diane has created beautiful, powerful, and moving chants that will appeal to people of any age and background. Many will be inspired and uplifted. Her chants are in a universal musical form that makes it easy for anyone to join in. This is one of the most exciting projects I have worked on in many years."

The only hitch is financial. Robert and I have gone into debt to pay to start the recording process, but cannot finance the whole project. And so we are turning to you, asking for whatever financial support you can, if you feel moved to do so. This project will cost about \$40,000 to bring to completion. Any contribution would be welcome, and can be given as either a gift or an investment (meaning you would share in the profits, once we had paid off our production costs).

And if contributing financially just doesn't work for you, perhaps you could put us in touch with others whom you know who might be interested in helping fund our project.

Whether or not you feel moved to help us out, we appreciate you considering this.

Blessings,
Diane

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