

God's Flame of Love

Thank you for the gift of God shining in you.

Nutshell:

A campfire song of gratitude for friends.

Songleader's notes:

The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 1.3, "I thank my God every time I remember you." That's the idea in this song.

The sanskrit word *Namasté* is not only a personal greeting but a breathtaking recognition that God resides in people. When we appreciate the unique gifts and presence of another person, we connect the dots and thank God for such blessings. We can also thank that person for being true to their uniqueness.

Three verses correspond to the *faith, hope* and *love* described in I Corinthians 13. St. Augustine wrote that faith points to the past, hope extends to the future and love — the greatest of these— resides in the present moment.

How to lead it:

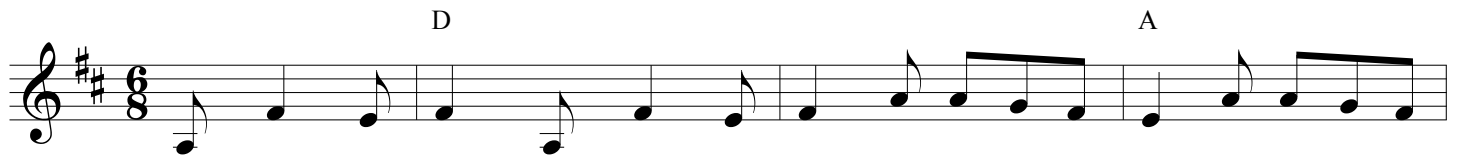
Begin by teaching the refrain: leaders singing it once, the assembly echoing.

Next, point out that the first three phrases are echoed, so it's super easy. The fourth phrase is sung in unison, not echoed, so that's the tricky bit that takes a little practice.

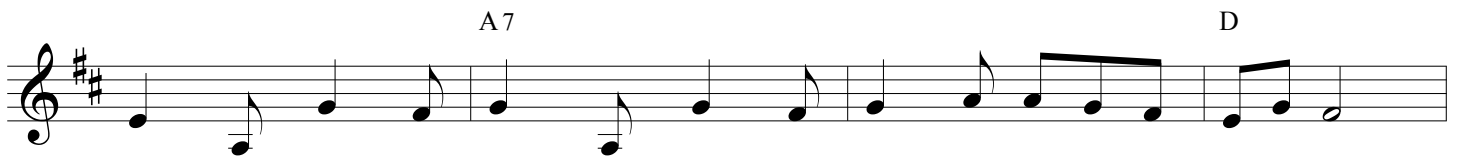
Try inventing some hand actions for it.

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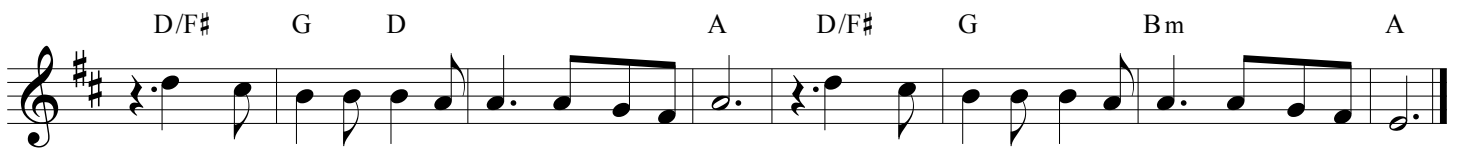
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God's flame of faith (*God's flame of faith*) is shin-ing in you (*is shin-ing in*



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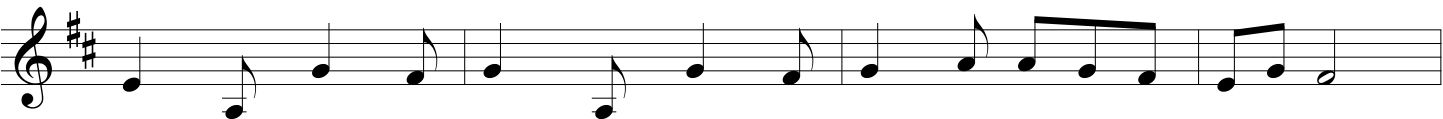


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