

***The Closing Celebration  
Of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of  
The Northern New England School of  
Religious Education***

***August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011***

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***Closing Song: Light Your Way***

## 2011 Closing Ceremony Song Sheet

### **Bring Me a Rose** (Ernie Sheldon)

Bring me a rose in the winter time  
When it's hard to find  
Bring me a rose in the wintertime,  
I've got roses on my mind  
For a rose is sweet  
Most any time and yet  
Bring me a rose in the wintertime  
How easy we forget.

Bring me a kiss when my baby's grown...  
Bring me a smile when I'm far from home...  
Bring me a love in my autumn years...  
Bring me peace when there's talk of war...  
Bring me a rose in the winter time...

### **Today** (Randy Sparks)

Today while the blossoms,  
Still cling to the vine,  
I'll taste your strawberries,  
I'll drink your sweet wine.  
A million tomorrows shall all pass away, 'ere I  
forget all the joy that is mine, today.

I'll be a dandy and I'll be a rover, you'll know who I  
am by the songs that I sing.  
I'll feast at your table, I'll lie in your clover, who  
knows what tomorrow will bring?

I can't be contented with yesterday's glory,  
I can't live on promises winter to spring.  
Today is my moment, now is my story, I'll laugh  
and I'll cry and I'll sing.

### **Take Time In Life** (Liberian Folk Song)

I was passing by, my brother called me in,  
And he said to me,  
"My brother, take time in life.  
Brother, take time in life,  
Brother, take time in life,  
Brother, take time in life,  
For you've a far way to go."

Sister calls in sister...  
Mother calls in daughter...  
A student calls in teacher...  
Some people call in young one...

### **Alleluia Anyhow** (Author Unknown)

Alleluia anyhow  
Never, never, never,  
Let your troubles get you down.  
When life's troubles come your way, hold you head  
up high and say,  
"Alleluia anyhow!"

### **Down by the Riverside** (African-American spiritual)

Gonna lay all my burdens down,  
down by the riverside (x3)  
Gonna lay all my burdens down, down by the  
riverside,  
Study war no more.  
I ain't gonna study war no more (x6)

Gonna lay down my sword and shield...  
Gonna shake hands around the world...  
Gonna put on my starry crown,  
Gonna put on my golden shoes.

### **Singing for Our Lives** (Holly Near)

We are a gentle angry people  
And we are singing, singing for our lives (repeat)

We are young and old together...  
Gay and straight together...  
Land of many colors...  
We are a gentle, loving people...

### **From This Place** (Winni Songwriting Class, 2004)

From this place, where will I go?  
From this place, how will I know?  
Head toward home, or another way?  
Wrapped in its grace for another day.  
Where will I go? How will I know? From this place.  
Where will I go? How will I know? From this place.

### **Light Your Way** (Bill Milford)

May the light that shines within us  
Lead us safely through this day  
Till we meet again  
I wish for you my friend  
Love to light your way.  
(3<sup>rd</sup> time – God's love to light your way....)