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## An interview with Robin Harris

### Q:What do you think about music in general?

A: Music is one of the greatest gifts of God. To some extent He Himself is reflected in this wonderful gift. It is a unique connection of feelings, thoughts and emotions of a person for the sake of his self-expression. You must know a verse from the Bible: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind". (Math. 22:37). In this scripture we can see an excellent example of one of the goals of music. Music allows a person to participate both in its listening and performing.

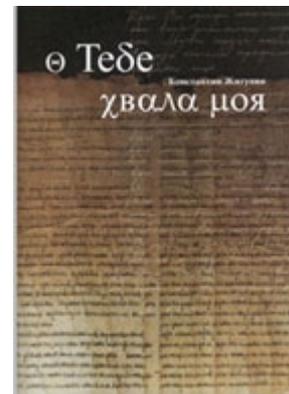
## Released albums of spiritual music:

1. "Oh, To You Is My Praise" - a collection of canticles, among which there are works based on the texts of the epistle to the Ephesians of the apostle Paul and of the Gospels.

Prayers and songs based on the psalms have a special place in my collection. They are recorded on a CD

In 2005 in Novosibirsk publishing house "Posokh" ("The Staff") a new collection of songs was released which contains the music of all these works

There are translations of several works into English, made by the author together with Mark Shipp - one of the professors of ITCM as well as translations made by a missionary Jeff Matteson.



Songbook (in Russian)

To order songbook, please, contact the composer

2. "Let There Be Joy" - a cantata for the choir and a chamber orchestra based on the book of Isaiah. For the first time it was performed in 2001 by a choir "The Markelloff voices" and Novosibirsk philharmonic orchestra led by a honored artist of Russia Pavel Sharomov. In 2003 it was performed in one of the universities of the USA in the city of Calispl, Montana.

3. "The Passion of Job"- based on the book of Job.

4. "Fanfare to the coming" - the suite for a chamber orchestra based on the events in the Gospels.

These works are not based on religious views of some concrete denomination, they are embodiment of feelings and thoughts of the author inspired by biblical stories and images. These works are performed not only on the stage but, what is especially important for the author, during worship of different congregations in many cities of Russia and abroad.

An information database is planned to be created which will contain the music and the texts of the songs and will serve the purpose of development of singing in churches.

Those who have made the website are interested in your suggestions. The main purpose of this work is selection of music and translations corresponding to the biblical confession of faith on the one hand and harmonious combination of texts and music on the other.

**Your suggestions may be sent to:**

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