

The Heart Will Choose the One It Loves

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Unison

1. The heart will choose the one it loves with-out re-gard to hu-man laws which
2. Such love, once found, can - not be forced in - to a false or for-ign mold, re -
3. Praise God when walls are bro-ken down that would con-fine love's power of choice, as
4. Loud cries for jus - tice call for change in laws and cus - toms far and wide un -

would de - ny the heart its choice, held hos-tage by some les - ser cause. God
sist - ing all that would op - press love's strong de - sire "to have and hold." Love's
peo - ple strug - gle to dis - cern a - mong con - flict - ing views, God's voice. Give
til God's chil - dren eve - ry - where no long - er need to run or hide. God,

hon - ors faith - ful love de - clared be - yond the bounds of gen - dered roles, which
pur - pose is to find its own, its part - ner with a hu - man face; love
thanks that laws are be - ing changed as peo - ple see with wi - der view the
help us to se - cure the right of eve - ry per - son on the earth to

seek to lim - it and con - strain how love may seek and find its goals.
seeks to serve and builds a bridge that spans di - vi - sions by God's grace.
ways that love can be ex - pressed and claim its just and right - ful due.
choose in mat - ters of the heart, not bound by gen - der or by birth.

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HEART'S CHOICE
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This hymn addresses the concerns of the LGBTQ community, for whom, despite the 2015 United States Supreme Court ruling legalizing gay marriage, the struggle for justice continues.

Theme: Gay Pride Sunday; LGBTQ concerns

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