



## Melody for the Apostles' Fast

The Faithful servant of the Lord  
In Jesus they have great faith

Shall receive a great reward  
In His kingdom is their place.

In Bethesda St. Peter was born  
He was chosen by the Lord

A zealous and loving heart he owned  
To shepherd his flock and teach His Word.

On the shores of Galilee Jesus met  
Told them come and follow me

Peter and Andrew casting their nets  
I will make you fishers of men.

Some people thought Jesus was Jeremiah  
But Peter uttered with his blessed tongue

Others thought He was John or Elijah  
"You are the Christ the Son of God."

Jesus blessed Peter and to him He said:  
Upon this rock I build my church

"Peter you are the rock of faith.  
The gates of hell cannot stand against."

All the disciples of the Lord  
Followed Jesus in the narrow road

Left everything when they were called  
And spread the Gospel all abroad.

He appointed them to preach the faith  
'You shall be witnesses for my name

The keys of heaven to them He gave.  
In Jerusalem, Judea and all the earth."

Saul born in the city of Tarsus  
Was converted on the way to Damascus

To the church he was a persecutor  
To a believer and a great preacher.

His eyes were blinded when he saw the Lord  
"Why do you persecute Me, Saul?"

Fell to the earth when His light shone  
It's hard to kick against the goads."

Terrified Saul looked up to the Lord  
Jesus said, "To Damascus go,

Said "Lord what do you want me to do ?"  
There you'll know what you must do."

Led by the hands, for he could not see  
Upon him the hands of Ananias were laid

For three days, neither drank nor ate  
His sight and the Holy Spirit he received.

The apostle Paul filled with grace  
Wrote epistles while in chains

With Christ's love his heart was aflame  
Turning Jews and Gentiles to the Christian Faith.

At the time of evil Nero  
"Execute Peter and Paul

Persecution against Christians really grew  
Crucify one and the other by the sword."

When the time of crucifixion had come  
"Crucify me with my head down,

Peter said in front of everyone  
For like My Master, I deserve not to be."

At the feast of the Apostles we celebrate  
The crown of martyrdom they deserve

Peter and Paul killed for Jesus sake  
Their teachings the church observe.

We praise you Peter and Paul  
We ask your blessings upon us all

In all nations your lights have shone  
Remember us before the throne.