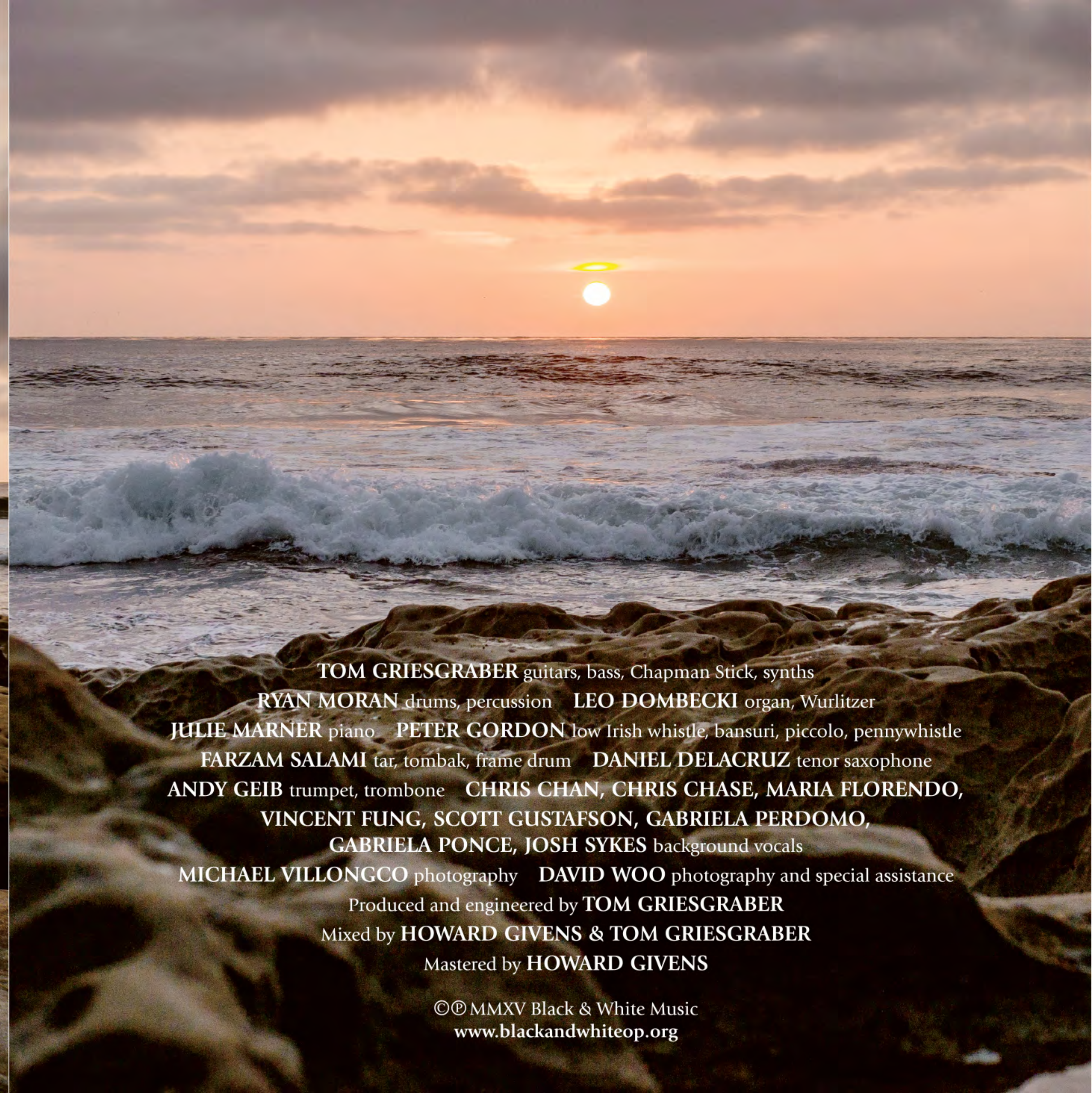


MAINTAIN THE LIGHT

NEW SONGS FROM THE PAST



BLACK & WHITE



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Almost ten years have passed since the creation of our first Black & White album, A Friendship in Song. Much has happened in our lives during those ten years, not to mention the thirty years we've been singing together as friends. Of course, we've grown older and matured. And there have been a number of transitions, challenges, and breakthroughs.

With the creation of this new album, we wanted to deepen our friendship with the history and spirituality of our Dominican family, to discover more deeply how its treasures continue to raise questions that help us to seek God and truth and to maintain the light of our baptism. We have been enriched by the writings and witness of Dominican men and women and would like to share the fruits of our contemplation with you. We are grateful for you -- our family, friends, and fellow travelers.

May the lyrics, stories, and varied musical styles of this new album take you on a journey of cultures and people meeting each other and creating lasting friendships that change the world.

Dominic De Loy, OP

John Paul Forté, OP

Note that even-numbered tracks are the storytelling that connects the songs.

1. MAINTAIN THE LIGHT (BEN'S SONG)

Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op

*Maintain the light.
Oh maintain the light.*

Prepare the way,
Hold fast to the truth,
And let your spirit soar.
God's voice calls out to you,
So do not turn away.
Just maintain, maintain the light.

Seldom deny,
Always affirm
The truth that lives inside.
Listen, oh my people,
Through life's dramas and its fears,
And maintain, maintain the light.

Do not be afraid
To lift up your eyes
And see a wider view.
God's path, it travels
Through deep and golden fields.
So maintain, maintain the light.

His spirit remains.
His love holds our hands.
His truth, it sets us free.
His body, it feeds us.
His blood, it makes us whole,
To maintain, maintain the light.

Reach out in love.
Build peace in your hearts,
Bringing healing and new life.
Let us seek the truth together
And be changed by God's deep grace,
To maintain, maintain the light.

Your memory, it stays with us.
Your quest for life remains:
To go deeper in our love.
Let us all explore together.
We'll be sharing God's great call
To maintain, maintain the light.

3. BE STILL

*Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op
Inspired by Psalm 46, 1 Kings*

Not in the fire,
Not in the storm,
Not in the earthquake,
I did not say a word.

*Be still
And know
That I am God.*

In lowly virgin,
In Joseph her spouse,
In Word incarnate,
I spoke a saving word.

Yes in your questions,
In struggles as well.
In moments of darkness,
Your fears I will dispel.

Not in the violence
Of terror and war,
But in hearts that are silent
I speak my words of love.

5. KEEPERS OF THE FLAME

Music and lyrics by Dominic DeLay op

*We are the keepers of the flame,
Blowing on the spark,
Shielding it from harm,
Warding off the dark.*

Sometimes
A flood of fear
Threatens our faith,
But you are near to us.

Darkness
Devours our dreams,
Swallows our hope,
But you say no to dark.

When anxious winds
Within our souls
Shatter all love,
You breathe your calm in us.

**7. BE WHO GOD CREATED YOU TO BE
(ST. CATHERINE'S SONG)**

*Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op
Inspired by St. Catherine of Siena, Matthew 5*

*Be who God created you to be,
And you will set the world on fire.*

You are the light of the world,
You are the salt of the earth,
Here to set the world on fire.
You are the heart of the church,
Called to share God's love abroad.
You will set the world on fire.

We are your grand design,
We are your hands and your feet,
Here to set the world on fire.
Call us to deeper freedom,
To life lived anew,
So to set the world on fire.

*I will be who God created me to be,
And I will set the world on fire.*

*We will be who God created us to be,
And we will set the world on fire.*

**9. EVERY CREATURE
(MEISTER ECKHART'S SONG)**

*Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op
Inspired by and quoting from Meister Eckhart*

God is at home.
It is we who have gone out for a walk.

*Every creature is a word of God.
Every creature is a hand of God.
Every creature is a breath of life.
Every creature is a word of God.*

A human being has so many skins inside,
Covering the depths of the heart.
We know so many things,
But we don't know ourselves.
Go into your own ground
And learn to know yourself there.

If the only prayer you ever said was thank you,
That would be enough. That would be enough.

11. THE GNAT AND THE CAMEL

Lyrics by Dominic DeLay op and

John Paul Forté op

Inspired by Matthew 23

John Paul: Why strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel?

Dominic: Strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel?

JP: Strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel.

D: Why strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel?

Why strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel

Why strain out the gnat --



But why's the gnat in the net?

JP: The gnat's in the net?

D: The gnat's in the strainer.

JP: 'Cuz the gnat was in the wine.

Now the gnat's in the net.

D: Why strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel?

Why strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel

Why strain out the gnat --

But why's the camel in my wine?

JP: The camel is the elephant.

D: The camel is an elephant?

JP: The elephant in the room.

D: Is there a camel in my wine

Or an elephant in my room?

JP: Maybe neither,

But if there's either

Who cares about the gnat?

D: Who cares about the gnat?

Who cares about --

But these gnats have got me in knots.

This rat-a-tat tête-à-tête about

annoying little gnats.

JP: Now you're nitpicking gnats.

Strain out the camel,

And you'll be rid of all the gnats.

D: I'll be rid of all the gnats.

Rid of all --

Remind me why the camel's
in my wine?

JP: Your wine is fine.

All I'm saying is:

Don't sweat the small

If there's big in the way,

If there's big in the way

Of living life free.

D: Golly gee, JP

Why didn't you just say it?

You mean don't major on minors

And minor on majors?

JP: I suppose I do.

D: Moses supposes too.

You mean why water your plants

When your house is on fire?

JP: Yeah, that's true. That's true, too.

D: Why strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel?

JP: Why strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel?

D: Why didn't you just say it?

Why strain out the gnat

but swallow the camel?

Why strain out the gnat --

JP: But swallow the camel?

Both: Why strain out the gnat
but swallow the camel?


Why strain out the gnat

but swallow the camel?

Why strain out the gnat but (gulp)

D: Swallow...the camel?





13. LIGHT OF THE CHURCH (SONG TO ST. DOMINIC)

*Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op
Lyrics adapted from the O Lumen*

Oh light of the church,
Oh preacher of truth,
Oh rose of patience,
Ivory of chastity
Freely dispensing
Waters of wisdom,
Oh, lead us to the blessed one.

*Light of the church...
Maintain the light.*

15. JUBILEE

*Music and lyrics by Dominic DeLay op
Lyrics adapted from Isaiah 61*

The spirit of God is upon me,
The power of hope has anointed you,
To give great news to the poor,
To free all prisoners, stop all war,
To bind broken hearts, make blind eyes see.
We'll all sing a year of jubilee.
Sing a year of jubilee!

17. GOING DEEPER

*Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op
Inspired by 1 Corinthians 13, John 14*

*Going deeper, Lord,
Deeper in your love.
Take me deeper, God,
Deeper in your truth.
For I see only dimly,
As a mirror on the wall.
Take me deeper, Holy Flame.
Take me deeper in your love.*

You are the way,
My truth and my life.
You are my guiding light,
My treasure and my joy.

Help me to see
Your beauty within.
Give me the courage
To live your call for all.

*...Take me deeper, Holy Flame.
Take me deeper, Holy Life.
Take me deeper, Blessed Truth.
Take me deeper in your love.*

19. LITANY OF LIGHT

Music by Dominic DeLay op

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us

St. John the Baptist

Light the way

St. Joseph

St. Peter and St. Paul

Holy Apostles

St. Mary Magdalene

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

St. Stephen

Holy Martyrs

St. Augustine

Doctors of the Church

St. Benedict

St. Scholastica

St. Francis

St. Claire

St. Teresa of Avila

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Oh St. Dominic

Holy Father Dominic

Blessed Jordan

Blessed Diana

St. Albert the Great

St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Raymond of Peñafort

Meister Eckhart

St. Catherine of Siena

St. Raymond of Capua

St. Vincent Ferrer

Blessed Fra Angelico

Bartolomé de las Casas

St. Martin de Porres

St. Rose of Lima

St. Juan Macias

St. John XXIII

St. John Paul the Great

All holy Dominicans

All holy men and women

21. BECAUSE YOU DID IT FOR ME (JESUS' SONG)

Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op

Inspired by Matthew 25

Because you did it for me.

When? Who? Where? How?

When did I feed the hungry,

Give clothes to those in need?

When did I see you thirsty, Lord?

I really do not know.

When did I meet you lost, my Lord,

In trouble or in pain?

When did I give you comfort, Lord?

I really do not know.

Because you did it,

Because you showed it,

Because you said it to me, to me.

Because you talked it,

And then you walked it,

Because you did it for me.

23. SEEK GOD AND TRUTH

Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op

Verses from Mark 10, refrain inspired by Dominican life

Seek God and truth.

Seek God and truth.

Contemplate the truth

And be of good use.

Good Teacher, what must I do

to achieve life everlasting?

-Keep the commandments,

and you will enter into life.

I have observed

all the commandments.

-If you wish to be perfect,

sell what you have

and give to the poor.

He went away sad,

for he had many possessions.

It will be hard for one who is rich

to enter the kingdom of heaven.



**25. SPEAKING TO YOU
(ST. DOMINIC'S SONG)**

Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op

Speaking to you or about you
As I walk along the road,
Singing loudly of your works, oh God,
As I watch the midday sky.
I will praise you. I will bless you.
I will preach your name on high.
I will thank you, and love your word.
Oh God, you are my joy.

**27. LOVE ONE ANOTHER
(ST. DOMINIC'S FAREWELL
BLESSING)**

Music by Dominic DeLay op

Lyrics adapted from St. Dominic's last words

*Love one another.
Hold fast to humility.*

Do not weep, my brothers.
I will be more help to you
From the life to come.

Do not weep, my sisters.
I will pray for all of you
'Til the kingdom comes.

**29. YOU ARE CLOSER TO US
(ST. AUGUSTINE'S SONG)**

Music by Dominic DeLay op


Lyrics from the Confessions of St. Augustine

Late have I loved you,
Oh beauty ever ancient.
Oh beauty ever new,
Late have I loved you.

*You are closer to us
Than we are to ourselves.*

Behold, you were within me,
And I out of myself,
I out of myself,
But there I searched for you.

You have made us for yourself,
And our hearts are restless.
Our hearts will not rest
Until they rest in you.



**31. MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT
(SONG OF ST. FRANCIS AND
ST. DOMINIC)**

Music and lyrics by John Paul Forté op

*Inspired by the vocations of St. Francis and
St. Dominic*

Make me an instrument of your peace...

Make me a preacher of your truth...

Make me an instrument of your peace.
Make me a preacher of your peace.
Make me an instrument,
Make me a preacher,
Make me an instrument of your peace.

Make me a preacher of your truth.
Make me an instrument of your truth.
Make me a preacher,
Make me an instrument,
Make me a preacher of your truth.

*I want to sing.
I want to serve.
I want to be
An instrument of your peace.
I want to praise.
I want to bless.
I want to preach
Your truth and your peace.*

*Maintain the light,
Oh maintain the light.
Oh maintain the peace.
Oh maintain the truth
Of the Lord.*