Come, Sing a New Song! is an original anthem composed in the spirit of a traditional gospel tune. Its text is adapted from Psalms 96 and 98. Additional corresponding lectionary readings include Ps. 33, Ps. 40, Ps. 144:9, Ps. 149, Is. 42:10–12, Rev. 5:9, and Rev. 14:2–3. The basic theme of this lively song is a call for all creation to sing a song of praise to the Lord.

In rehearsal, strive for a light but focused timbre, lively syncopated thythms; and a uniform ensemble. Rehearse the entire anthem staccato "doo" until thythms, pitch, and ensemble are secure. Add the text without adding weight to the sound, and caution the singers against singing too loudly, which will result in poor thythmic articulation.

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for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied

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