Letter from the Editor

Dear Alpha Chi Omega sisters,

Welcome to our 2018 National Convention! This year, we’re excited to Amplify Alpha Chi in a nod to our Fraternity’s musical history and Austin’s musical culture. As part of this, we’ve made additions to the convention songbook. You’ll see many songs that have been sung by generations of Alpha Chi Omegas and others that might be brand new to you.

This year, we want to highlight our musical heritage, so if you turn to page 18 you’ll notice sheet music. We start with traditional songs sung at many Alpha Chi Omega events across the country and continue to some very special, lesser-known pieces. While we won’t sing all of these songs this weekend, we want to share pieces composed by our Founders and by James Hamilton Howe, who provided leadership and direction for our Founders in creating this organization, along with songs about our Symphony and convention. You can find music for all stages of Alpha Chi Omega life – from recruitment songs to songs reflecting on past college days, to a lullaby for new moms and songs about loyalty and devotion to Alpha Chi that transcend all life stages.

While we know that the first songbook pamphlet was motioned at the 1893 National Convention and published in 1894, the first bound copy of the songbook in our archives is dated to 1904. “Alpha Chi Song” and “Can College Days Be E’er Forgot” are both from this 1904 edition. Since then, Alpha Chi Omega has
published 13 editions of the songbook, most recently guided by the National Song Book Committee in 1996.

Much has changed since the first Alpha Chi Omega songs were written, but I imagine our excitement for being together and sharing our sisterhood is one thing that stays the same. I hope you enjoy singing these songs throughout the weekend and take them back to share this part of our history with your sisters.

Loyally,

Kristin Donnell

Kristin Donnell
Alpha Nu (University of Missouri)
2018 National Convention Choir Director
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Sweetheart Song

Down deep in the heart of each Alpha Chi girl is
The dream of a love that is true
He’s loving and kind, and he’ll always be faithful
And somewhere he’s waiting for you (just for you)
You’ll dream and you’ll plan then someday he will come and
He’ll make all your dreams live anew
He’ll share ev’ry trouble, make ev’ry joy double
My Alpha Chi sweetheart is you
Alpha Chi Favorites

Alpha Chi Baby
(To the tune of “Build Me Up Buttercup”)

CHORUS:
Alpha Chi (Alpha Chi), Alpha Chi baby
We’re the best around (best around)
The best to be found and most of all (most of all)
We’ve got it all baby and we’ll sing it loud (sing it loud)
‘Cause we’re the proud crowd
We’re the best! (We’re the best!)
Out of all the rest baby, when all else has been said and done
Alpha Chi (Alpha Chi), Alpha Chi we’re number one

VERSE:
We’re the red and the green,
we’re the best to be seen on the go
And I’m sure you know
With lyres and pearls we’re the greatest of girls in the world
Go on and spread the word
Hey, Hey, Hey, A-CHI-O, it’s plain to see
Hey, Hey, Hey, we’re full of love and unity
Hey, Hey, Hey, show your pride, it’ll be your guide
‘til eternity
Oo-oo-oo, oo-oo-oo…. Come be an…..

(repeat chorus)
Scarlet Ribbons

Scarlet ribbons, tied to the green
Scarlet ribbons, to know what they mean
They’re a promise of sisterhood, to be a part of all that’s good
Scarlet ribbons, is the Alpha Chi dream
Each year when we take a pledge, we make a pledge to be
The kind of friend that you desire, take a look and you’ll see
That all of us are part of one, true fraternity
Alpha Chi Omega, is a part of me

Give Me the Lyre/Smile Awhile

Give me the lyre of Alpha Chi, I’ll wear it e’er until I die
I’ll wear it proudly where e’er I go, I’ll tell you why it charms me so
I hear it playing my symphony, I hear it ringing in harmony
I hear it striking in tones of fire, sing to me always my golden lyre

Smile a while and as the years go by,
stronger grows our love for Alpha Chi
Lyre of strength and harmony, never dying loyalty
And as our last year college days are gone
May the mem’ry of our faith live on
Make us worthy in thine eyes, guide us Alpha Chi
Dear Alpha Chi

Dear Alpha Chi Omega, I always will treasure
Wherever I wander, you’ll always be home
‘Tis there where the lyre is always desire
And our warmest friendships forever will be
I think of my sisters and I start a wishing
That I were again back at (ol’ ____)
For little did I know of sorrow or sadness
Dear Alpha Chi Omega spells beauty for me

Pass It On

It only takes a spark, to start a friendship growing
And soon all those around, will warm up to its glowing
That’s how it is with Alpha Chi, once you’ve experienced it
You spread your love to everyone, you want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I’ve found
You can depend on it, it matters not where you’re bound
I’ll shout it from a mountain top, I want the world to know
The lyre of pearls has come to me, I want to pass it on
Recruitment Songs and Chants

A-L-P-H-A C-H-I Omega
(To the tune of “Witch Doctor”)
A-L-P-H-A C-H-I Omega
A-L-P-H-A C-H-I Omega

We are the Alpha Chis and we are really great
We wear the golden lyre, there is no mistake
We are the greatest girls in all the 50 states
We’re singing

A-L-P-H-A C-H-I Omega
A-L-P-H-A C-H-I Omega

Chi Chi Round

Chi Chi Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Chi Chi Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Chi Omega is our sorority
She’s got the girls with personality
Listen as we sing of our lyre, pin, and pearls

(repeat)
I Wanna Go Alpha Chi

I wanna go Alpha Chi (boom, boom)
Hey baby that ain’t no lie (boom, boom)
    I wanna go Alpha Chi
Don’t you, don’t you, don’t you?
    Boom boom boom boom

I wanna wear the red & green (boom, boom)
Hey baby that ain’t no dream (boom, boom)
    I wanna wear the red green
Don’t you, don’t you, don’t you
    Boom boom boom boom

I wanna wear the golden lyre (boom, boom)
Hey baby that’s my desire (boom, boom)
    I wanna wear the golden lyre
Don’t you don’t you don’t you
    Boom boom boom boom.
Pep Smile

Pep, smile
You can tell an Alpha Chi by
Charm, style
Friends around her all the while
Pep, smile, charm, style
That’s only half
Most of all you’ll love her laugh
Oh, oh, oh

Pep, smile
You can tell an Alpha Chi
Charm, style
Friends around her all the while
Pep, smile, charm, style
You know the rest
Alpha Chi Omega’s the best!

My Sister and Your Sister

My sister and your sister, proudly wear the lyre
My sister said to your sister, we’re gonna set this world on fire
Alpha Chi at __ __, we’re the only way to go,
I wanna go A-CHI-O
Who’s the girl in red and green, with her pearls and lyre?
She’s the one they call a dream, she’s the one they all admire
Alpha Chi at __ __, we’re the only way to go,
I wanna go A-CHI-O
We wanna go A-CHI-O
You wanna go A-CHI-O!
Pump It Up

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA, pump it up, pump it up
CHI OOOOOOOOO, keep it up, keep it up,
We yell we cheer
We have no fear
We’re A-CHI-O!

A-Chi-O

A-A-A to the Chi
Chi-Chi-Chi to the O
A to the Chi, Chi to the O
A-Chi-O!

Couldn’t Be Prouder

Alpha Chi Omega, couldn’t be prouder
If you can’t hear us, we’ll yell a little louder!

(repeat)
Welcome, Welcome to Alpha Chi
Welcome, Welcome to Alpha Chi
We’re the best and we know why
We’ve got sisters for our whole lives through
Alpha Chi’s the one for you
we’ve got A, L, P, H, A
We’ve got C, H, I, oh my
We’ve got O, M, E, G, A
We’re know on campus as Alpha Chi
Hey, Hey, Hey,

(repeat)

Goodbye My Dear Old Friend
Goodbye, my dear old friend
we’ll see you soon again
you are the girls that we want in Alpha Chi
and maybe someday you’ll find out why
we love our Alpha Chi
So goodbye my dear old friend, goodbye.

(repeat)
The Time Has Come

The time has come for you to see
What Alpha Chi has meant to me
Good friends you’ll find, and peace of mind
At Alpha Chi, Dear Alpha Chi

(repeat)

The Time Has Come

(To the tune of “Rock Around the Clock”)

Oh, the time has come and we fear you must go
We are happy to have had you and we want you all to know
The Alpha Chis all hope you enjoyed your stay
And that you’ll come back (clap clap) another day,
We’ve got the spark (snap) the pep (snap) personality
(snap til the end)
We’re all the things a college girl should be,
The Alpha Chis are hard to beat, bop bop, bop bop
In This Very Room

In this very room, there’s quite enough love for “one like me”
Quite enough love for “one like me”
And there’s quite enough joy, and quite enough laughter
To chase away any gloom
For my sisters, all my sisters, are in this very room

Second Verse: “Some of us”
Third Verse: “All of us”

Follow Us

Follow us where we go, who we are, and what we know.
Make it part of you to be a part of us.
Sisterhood is what we share and the lyre is what we wear.
So join with us for we are Alpha Chi.

It’s hard to find the words, to tell you how we feel,
For it means so much to us, this friendship is so real.
It’s Alpha Chi Omega, a smile, a tear, a face,
An open heart, an open house, much more than just a place.

Follow us where we go, who we are, and what we know.
Make it part of you to be a part of us.
Sisterhood is what we share,
And the lyre is what we wear,
So join with us for we are Alpha Chi.
Songs of Our Heritage

Grace Before Meals

We thank Thee our Lord for this food which Thou hast sent.

Keep our lives in sweet accord With thy Life Omnipotent.

Alpha Chi Round

1. Let us sing to Alpha Chi Voices

ring to Alpha Chi Omega Sing sing of her glories

2. hi—gh Come ring voices of Alpha Chi.
Dream Cake Song
(Used in the Dream Cake Ceremony)

Words and Music by CAROLYN BURD, Gamma

To be sung without accompaniment

Sleep to-night, pretty girl, And dream of Alpha Chi Omega!
Dream to-night, pretty girl, And may your dreams ever be sweeter!
Take our cake and our song, They tell of hopes and dreams we cherish.
And to-night as you sleep, May God rest you and keep you, as you dream of our fraternity!

*When used on occasions other than the Dream Cake Ceremony, substitute the word "love" for "cake."
Toast

Alpha Chi Omega, To thee our song shall rise, Our hearts are filled with thoughts of thee And all thy name implies. We'll never forget thy standards high, And friendship ever true—And as we toast our Alma Mater, So we toast to you.
Alpha Chi

Slowly

Alpha Chi, how we love thy name,

Alpha Chi, Thou art ever and always the same To

those who love thee and have felt thy spell,

Alpha Chi, We love thee, we love thee well.
A Song of Optimism

Words and Music by
ESTELLE LEONARD
June 1934

Introduction
Lively

1. O Alpha Chi's, when tasks are hard, and the goal seems far a-
2. O Alpha Chi's, when skies are clear, and good fortune lin-gers
3. O Alpha Chi's, neath sun or rain, seek the heights with hearts a-

way, And the gloom-y clouds come in between to dim the
nigh, And high honors glo-ri-fy the girls of Al-pha
fire With loyal love for red and green, and gold-en

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Then mercy hearts must sun-shine bring, dis-pelling the shad-ows,
Tri-um-phant hearts must pleas-ure bring, with joy and with hope
Il-lustri-ous years must radi-ance bring, with cour-age and faith
Al-pha Chi's, ev-ver shall laugh! ev-ver shall sing!
Alpha Chi We Love Thee

Words and Music by
MILDRED T. PETTIT

We are thy sisters true
In friendship's hand thou hast
giv'n us a love that is rich and true
Thou hast shown the way to happiness surrounded by friendships true.
Al-pha Chi, be-loved Fra-ter-ni-ty! Shouts of joy pro-claim our
Al-pha Chi, our own Fra-ter-ni-ty! Come let us re-joice in

Un-i-ty, This gold-en Lyre, Will e’er in-spire Our
Un-i-ty, Our love we’ll show, wher-e’er we go, And

hearts to last-ing har-mo-ny To-geth-er let us seek the heights, The
faith-ful be to each sis-ter dear To-geth-er let us seek the heights, The

heights of love and vic-tor-y, Of love and vic-tor-y.
heights for thee, dear Al-pha Chi, For thee, dear Al-pha Chi.
Alpha Chi Lullaby

Dedicated to the Mothers

Words and Music by
ANNIE WOODS McLEARY, Zeta

Andante con moto

Rock-a-bye, baby, Alpha Chi dear,
Rock-a-bye, baby, Alpha Chi dear,

Nestle so close with never a fear,
Birds are asleep in treetops high.

Moon is a beamling, Stars ever watch
Peacefully slumber, Mother is nigh.

Slumber so sweetly, Sleep, little darling,
Sleep, Sleep, Sleep, Sleep.
Rock - a - bye ba - by Al - pha Chi dear,
Rock - a - bye ba - by Al - pha Chi dear.

Sun - beams will wak - en thee, Love ho - vers near.
An - gels watch o - ver thee, Love ho - vers near.
Can College Days E'er Be Forgot.

Music by Mary Janet Wilson, Alpha.

Can college days e'er be forgot, Or love for Alpha Chi;

May all the joy that we have found In thee shall never die;

O Alpha Chi, dear Alpha Chi, Thy name shall never cease,

To be our watch word and our guide, Thro' days of toil and ease.
Give Me The Lyre of Alpha Chi

Words by
Ruth Orndorff Darragh, Gamma

Music Adapted

1. Give me the Lyre of Alpha Chi, I'll love it ever until I die.
   I'll wear it proudly wherever e're I go.
   I'll tell you why it charms me so.

2. I hear it playing "My Symphony," I hear it striking in harmony.
   I hear it striking in harmony.
   Sing to me always, my golden lyre.
   Tones of fire, sing to me always, my golden lyre.
College Days

Music By
Sally Nugent McClain, Alpha

Dedicated to Hannah Keenan
(Dir., Central Office)

Words by
Katie Clark Breck

Our College days may soon be o'er
For one thing we will endeavor,
To Alpha Chi, our

Al - pha Chi, we pledge our love now and for -
College Days, Cont’d.

- ev - er, The friend - ships and the bonds we’ve made, A

sym - bol of her glo - ry, For Al - pha Chi, our

Al - pha Chi, Re - calls for us our col - lege sto - ry.
In Alpha Chi Omega

Harmonized by KEN SIMMONS

Words and Music by HELEN C. KOCH, Kappa

In all the world there's but one place where joys and friendships blend
In to one happy care-free dream, that seems to have no end. There daily voices rise in song and hand clasps hand in greeting.
For hopes are born and dreams come true at every friendly meeting. Now if you ask with wondering eyes, where such a place can be. Why in Alpha Chi Omega, Our belov'd Fraternity.
My Symphony

Tempo di Valse

Words and Music by
MARY GROVER, Zeta

To seek beauty, That is my symphony,

To follow the truth, Love and loyalty,

To be always worthy to wear the Lyre,

Of Alpha Chi, on my heart till I die,

That is my symphony.
Let's Sing It!

Words and Music: Patricia Dunn, Alpha

Here we are uh-huh We're all to-geth-er Hav-ing fun uh-huh

What could be bet-ter? We wel-come you in our own way

Soph-mores, Jun-iors, Sen-iors all say You're the tops uh-huh

Here at (School Name) We love you uh huh the best of all.

So just stay with us for a-while and we'll treat you Al-pha Chi style.

Al-pha Chi Let's sing it! Al-pha Chi ring a-ling it!

Al-pha Chi you'll see It's the best so-ro-ri-ty!

Now you know uh-huh The rea-son why we take pride uh-huh

in Al-pha Chi So just stay with us for a-while

and we'll treat you Al-pha Chi style. Yeah!! style. Yeah!!!! style. Ohhh...
Spelling Song

Words by
JUNE W. JORGENSEN

Music by
MILDRED T. PETTIT

Of Alpha Chi we are singing,  Of her standard never fear,

Each letter has a meaning, Which to us is very dear,

"A" is for All of us in Alpha Chi,  "L" is for Loyalty to deals high,

"P" is Pep and Push which we display,  "H" is for Happiness we find along the way.

"A" is for Active and Alumnae,  Working for the good of Alpha Chi,

"C" says "Can we?"  "H" says "Have we?"  "I" say "yes" in Alpha Chi.
Memories
Written by a Founder to commemorate Founders Day.

ONE, TWO or THREE VOICES.

Andante

The memories of long ago

Are of sacred vows

Sweetest dreams come true of sacred vows and pledges

And pledges made

Made To seal the bonds of our beloved fraternity

OLIVE BURNETT CLARK

To Alpha Chi Omega
Memories (continued)

of faith and love and loyalty

The faith and love and loyalty Have

a tempo

made our friendships true For ever we will honor thy dear

name our Alpha Chi Omega

P rit pp

P rit pp
Our Golden Lyre

Words by MABEL SILLER NAFIS, Gamma
Music by MABEL DUNN MADSON, Gamma

1. Before us gleams our golden lyre, With chords that number three, It
2. And oft en from those golden chords Doth vibrate music sweet, For
3. Those chords are spanned by scroll of black With letters wrought in gold, Which
4. We sisters prize those letters three We chose from Greece wide, Well

sig - ni - flies dear Al - pha Chi Beloved fra - ter - ni - ty.
signify to all the world Great mys - ter - ies un - told.
honor them wher e'er we are What - ev - er may be - tide.

CHORUS

Then hail to thee, dear Al pha Chi, Hail to our golden lyre, And
Our Golden Lyre (Continued)

may the scar-let and ol-ive green Wave ev-er higher and higher.
Should We Forget Dear Alpha Chi
(Chorus For Ladies Voices)

Words by SARAH MORGAN BELLE
Kappa Chapter

Music by JAMES HAMILTON HOWE, Mus. B.
Howe College Of Music, Seattle, Wa.

Should we forget dear Alpha Chi When college days are o'er?
Should we forget the sisters dear, We loved in days of

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Should We Forget Dear Alpha Chi (Continued)

yore? Dear Al - pha Chi, to thee we sing, And may we never part From high ideals and lofty aims Im - planted in each heart.

Slower

ff

cresc. ff Slower

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When College Days are O'er

SARAH MORGAN BELLE, Kappa

Tune: "AULD LANG SYNE"

Should we forget dear Alpha Chi, When happy ties Whose bonds shall never

o'er? Should we forget the sisters dear We loved in days of yore? And let the worldly press of life Our loyalty decrease?

Dear Alpha Chi, to thee we sing, And may we never part From high ideals and lofty aims Im plant ed in each heart.

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