

I LIVED IN HEAVEN

Our Primary president, Rachel Hammer, was looking for a couple of extra songs for the Primary program and recalled hearing a beautiful rendition of this song on the guitar. She asked if I could try to figure something out. Guitar is not my forte and my repertoire is limited to a handful of my favorite songs by artists like Sting and Keith Urban. So I fiddled around with some chords from these artists and finally realized that the chords from Keith Urban's "Raise 'Em Up" could be applied to "I Lived in Heaven" with some variations. Adding a few extra beats between phrases slows the pace of the song down and gives a little time more meditation upon each line. No other song teaches about our life before earth, Jesus Christ's foreordained mission, the plan of salvation, and the Atonement with such simplicity, brevity, and clarity.

Tips:

- You have to teach the children to hold each phrase out for longer than they are used to doing because there is a measure of six beats added in to slow down the pace of the song.

Performance Suggestions

- If permission is obtained from local Church leaders, having the acoustic guitar accompany the children is a nice option. However, I also created a piano version that reflects the feeling of the original composition on the guitar, if needed.