

Why is "De Colores" Sung in Cursillo?

1) Full of colors, full of colors
are vested the fields in the season of springtime.
Full of colors, full of colors
are all the small birds which come from afar.
Full of colors, full of colors
is the rainbow whose shining we see,
and because of them I love the multiple colors
which now are beloved to me,
and because of them I love the multiple colors
which now are beloved to me.

2) Full of colors, full of colors
so brilliant_and wondrous each new_dawn
presents us. Full of colors, full of colors
the many reflections from_light which the sun
stores. Wondrous colors, wondrous colors
adorning the diamond which we_see to shine
and because of them I love the multiple colors
which now are beloved to me,
and because of them I love the multiple colors
which now are beloved to me.

3) Oh so joyful, oh so joyful,
that we_live in grace as much_as we're able.
Let us fulfill, let us fulfill
the ardent longing of the King who does not die.
Oh so joyful, oh so joyful
we bring our soul and a thousand more to the
Christ. Sharing widely the brightness that
spotlights God's grace
bringing us God's wondrous ideals
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4) Sing oh rooster, sing oh rooster
with your quiri, quiri, quiri, quiri, quiri
and the **hen**, and the hen
with her cara, cara, cara, cara, cara
Little chickies, little chickies
with their pio, pio, pio, pio, pi
and because of their beauteous multiple colors--
such wonder's beloved to me
and because of them I love the multiple colors
which now are beloved to me.

Explanation

"De Colores" is a song about the love of God, and especially how His grace is expressed in the marvelous colors in His creation. This is not a world of black and white, with grey in the middle of them. By the grace of God our eyes enjoy the diversity of colors.

In Genesis 9:13-- after the Flood-- God put His rainbow in the sky as a remembrance of His promise never more to destroy all living things (including the humans). What is a rainbow-- more than a demonstration of the marvelous colors of the creation?

In "De Colores" we find

Verse one indicates that: 1) each year the creation is renewed in spring-- with colors, 2) small birds come with colors (rather by grace), 3) we find enjoyment in (benefit as a result of) the colors

Verse two reminds us that: 1) God gives us special colors in the dawn, 2) as a result of the sun we can see reflections with colors-- including those from diamonds.

Verse three emphasizes our faith in mentioning: 1) we live in grace (of God), 2) "the King who does not die" (God), 3) His ardent longing" which indicates the hopes which God has for us, and ESPECIALLY, 4) "we bring our soul and a thousand more to the Christ.", 5) finally, "the brightness that spotlights God's grace." All indicates that the light (God) permits us to see the colors of the creation in which the promise of a bright future is remembered.

In Mallorca (Spain) where the Cursillo movement began, there are very colorful roosters and hens. For those in Mallorca, those birds also represent the colors of the rainbow-- and the promise of God to Noah.