Love Never Fails
for the Canedo and Manibusan families
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Choral arrangement by Craig Kingsbury
Based on 1 Corinthians 13:1–2, 4–8b, 11

INTRO Soulful gospel ballad (\( q = \text{ca. 88} \))
Capo 3: (D) (Dmaj7) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (A)

\[ \begin{align*}
& F \quad F/E \quad Bb/D \quad F/C \quad Bb \quad F/A \quad Gm \quad C \\
& \text{(Keyboard)}
\end{align*} \]

REFRAIN
Descant (after Verse 2)

\[ \begin{align*}
& (D) \quad (Dmaj7) \quad (G) \quad (D) \quad (G) \quad (D) \quad (D)

& F \quad F/E \quad Bb/D \quad F/C \quad Bb \quad F/A

& \text{Melody}
\end{align*} \]

Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous or rude; its own glory. Oo,

\[ \begin{align*}
& (Em) \quad (A) \quad (F\#sus4) \quad (F\#7) \quad (Bm) \quad (D7)

& Gm \quad C \quad C/Bb \quad A7sus4 \quad A7 \quad A7/C\# \quad Dm \quad F7/C
\end{align*} \]

Love does not seek its own glory.

\[ \begin{align*}
& (G) \quad (Em7) \quad (C) \quad (A) \quad (G) \quad (F\#m7) \quad (G)

& Bb \quad Gm7 \quad Eb \quad C \quad Bb \quad Am7 \quad Bb
\end{align*} \]

Love finds in evil no joy. Love believes,

\[ \begin{align*}
& (G) \quad (Em7) \quad (C) \quad (A) \quad (G) \quad (F\#m7) \quad (G)

& Bb \quad Gm7 \quad Eb \quad C \quad Bb \quad Am7 \quad Bb
\end{align*} \]

Love finds in evil no joy. Love believes, love
VERSE 1

1. I can speak the tongues of every nation. I can sing with the eloquence of the angels. I can do all these things, but if I have not love I am nothing but a clanging cymbal.

VERSE 2

2. I can comprehend all knowledge. I can have faith to move the mighty mountains. I can do all these things, but if I have not love I am nothing at all.
When I was a child

I spoke and thought and reasoned like a child, but now I’ve grown beyond such childish ways.

Oh!

Love is kind, never jealous, never

Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous or rude.

Love, love is patient, patient and kind, love is not jealous or
Love does not seek its own glory.

Love finds in rude.

Love does not seek its own glory,
No!

Love____

Love believes,
love hopes and endures,

Love believes,

Love believes,

Love believes,

Love believes,

Love finds in evil no joy.
* The extended Coda, with parts for two soloists, heard on the recording, edition 11809, is available in the Keyboard/Vocal edition, #70315.
Guitar Chord Charts

The capo chords reflect a more playable progression for the guitarist.

Performance Notes

This song has two parts: soulful gospel ballad and rousing gospel coda, which is optional. Please don’t let the ballad portion of the song drag. Assemblies will learn the refrain easily. The verses may initially be sung by soloists, but assemblies may want to sing the verses themselves after becoming familiar with the song.

Remember that the nature of gospel music calls for improvisation by the soloists. We have notated what Jesse and Nellie are improvising on the recording, but your soloists should feel free to sing however the Spirit moves them. The foundation of the optional coda, of course, is the choir and assembly singing “Love, love never fails.” This can be sung enthusiastically even if you have no soloists to improvise. The complete, notated coda is available in the Keyboard/Vocal edition: #70315.

The ballad part will make an excellent communion song. Those parishes that sing a post-communion hymn of praise might want to segue into the coda after communion has been distributed.

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Refrain

Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous or rude. Love does not seek its own glory.

Love finds in evil no joy. Love believes, love hopes and endures. Love never fails.

Verse 1

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Verse 2

2. I can comprehend all knowledge. I can have faith to move the mighty mountains. I can do all these things, but if I have not love I am nothing, nothing at all.

Bridge

When I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned like a child, but now I’ve grown beyond such childish ways. Oh!

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