408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1962

Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here

with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we

lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have

been revived when we shall leave this place.