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Dedicated to

my wife Veronica

and

my children,

for their understanding

and

support through the years.

Capt. JH Tachie-Menson

FOREWORD

by

Professor George E. Bonney

The two volumes of Songs from Land and Sea: The Captain's Hymnal and The Captain's Book of Anthems, bring together for the first time, the sacred compositions of Captain James Hackman Tachie-Menson. I have had indescribable joy collaborating with Captain to produce the Tonic Solfa editions of his work.

First, when people create and sing sacred music, it is a definite sign of what God says in the Bible, "...My word shall not return to me void...." (Isaiah 55:11). The missionaries did not labor among my own people in vain!

Second, Captain, although a Fante from Ghana, composed in the European tradition, and with beauty and sophistication rare in contemporary liturgical music. I praise God for the vision of our fathers, the early missionaries, governments and other entities which believed in the education of Africans and sacrificed to