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1) God

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“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast,”
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“Then the followers of John the Baptist came to Jesus, asking, ‘Why is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples don’t fast at all?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you expect the guests at a wedding party to be sad as long as the bridegroom is with them? Of course not!’”
--Matthew 9:14-15 (Good News)

“I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete.”
--John 15:11 (NRSV)

“the LORD ... will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.”
--Isaiah 25:6 (NRSV)

“The time is surely coming, says the LORD, when . . . the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.”
--Amos 9:13 (NRSV)

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2) God

“And God said, “Let there be light...”
--Genesis 1:3 (NRSV)

“Oh, visit the earth, ask her to join the dance! Deck her out in spring showers, fill the God-River with living water. Paint the wheat fields golden. Creation was made for this! Drench the plowed fields, soak the dirt clods with rainfall as harrow and rake bring her to blossom and fruit. Snow-crown the peaks with splendor, scatter rose petals down your paths, All through the wild meadows, rose petals. Set the hills to dancing, Dress the canyon walls with live sheep, a drape of flax across the valleys. Let them shout, and shout, and shout! Oh, oh, let them sing!”
--Psalm 65:9-13 (The Message)

“You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”
--Isaiah 55:12 (NIV)

“Let the waves clap their hands in glee and the hills sing out their songs of joy”
--Psalm 98:8 (The Living Bible)

3) God

“For the Lord your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will give you victory. He will rejoice over you with great gladness; he will love you and not accuse you.” Is that a joyous choir I hear? No, it is the Lord himself exulting over you in happy song.”
--Zephaniah 3:17-18 (The Living Bible)

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“David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod.”
--2 Samuel 6:14 (NRSV)

“God testified concerning David: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart’”
--Acts 13:22 (NIV)

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“Praise his name with dancing; play drums and harps in praise of him.”
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