

Dedicated to God who gave us His beautiful gift of Creation.

Preview Copy

Thank you for purchasing Homeschooling with a Touch of Class copywork. I hope that you find this work beneficial for your children. It is my desire to provide you with not only good copywork material, but also valuable tools to assist you in using it with your children. For that reason, I have included such information as some background on the text, suggestions for use, and a list of classical music for your children to listen to while copying. I hope that these extras help make the copywork a more enjoyable experience for your children.

About “Canticle of the Sun”

The “Canticle of the Sun” was written by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1225. He composed this beautiful work in a small hut near the Monastery of San Damiano. It was written in his native Italian dialect and has since been translated into many languages.

By definition, a canticle is a religious hymn or chant, especially of praise. It is non-metrical and can include any text from the *Bible* excluding the Book of Psalms.

The “Canticle of the Sun” is a good example of music written with the purpose of glorifying God. It also serves as an effective role-model for children of how they can offer praise and worship to God in song.

About This Book

The “Canticle of the Sun” can be found in two formats in this book. One is with the text divided into smaller chunks and is found in the beginning and middle sections. The other is the hymn in its entirety and is located at the back of the book. Also at the end of the book, you’ll find some full-color pictures of St. Francis of Assisi in art to share with your children.

Suggestions for Use

There are multiple ways this copywork can be used. Your child can:

- write directly on the pages of this book,
- copy the text into a notebook or onto specially lined handwriting paper,
- create a poster with all or parts of it,
- write it into a prayer book.
- come up with his or her own tune for some of the words to this piece. (Text may need to be slightly altered)

Canticle of the Sun

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Praise, honor, and all blessing!



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