

## **Songs of Haiti**

Gifts

Nightgowns sewn with loving hands,  
Blouses, skirts, jewelry wrapped by a grandmother and her granddaughters,  
Polished nails and massaged arms,  
All for the Village women.

Gifts returned

Village of Jesus women  
Frail and worn  
Twinkling eyes and shining smiles, dancing on wrinkled faces,  
Blessing me.

## **Walk with Me through Bethlehem Farm**

Kid goats romp in the pasture,  
while the chickens have already gone to market.  
The cow is tethered, with calf nearby,

Walk with me.

Acres of sod readied by hand-held hoes,  
Irrigation water flowing  
between rows of tomatoes, beans, corn, and peppers,

Walk with me.

Onions and herbs nestled  
beneath banana trees,  
Sugar cane plants restored  
after nature's fury.  
Bamboo shoots planted - a new adventure.

The Sisters, the families, the volunteers  
Joining in prayer and labor.  
Hope for the future!

