

I Believe

START

C C C C C C C C D E D D E D E
I believe for every drop of rain that falls a flower grows

E E E E E E E E F G F F G F G
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night a candle glows

G G G G G G G G A B A A B A B
I believe for every - one who goes astray Someone will come

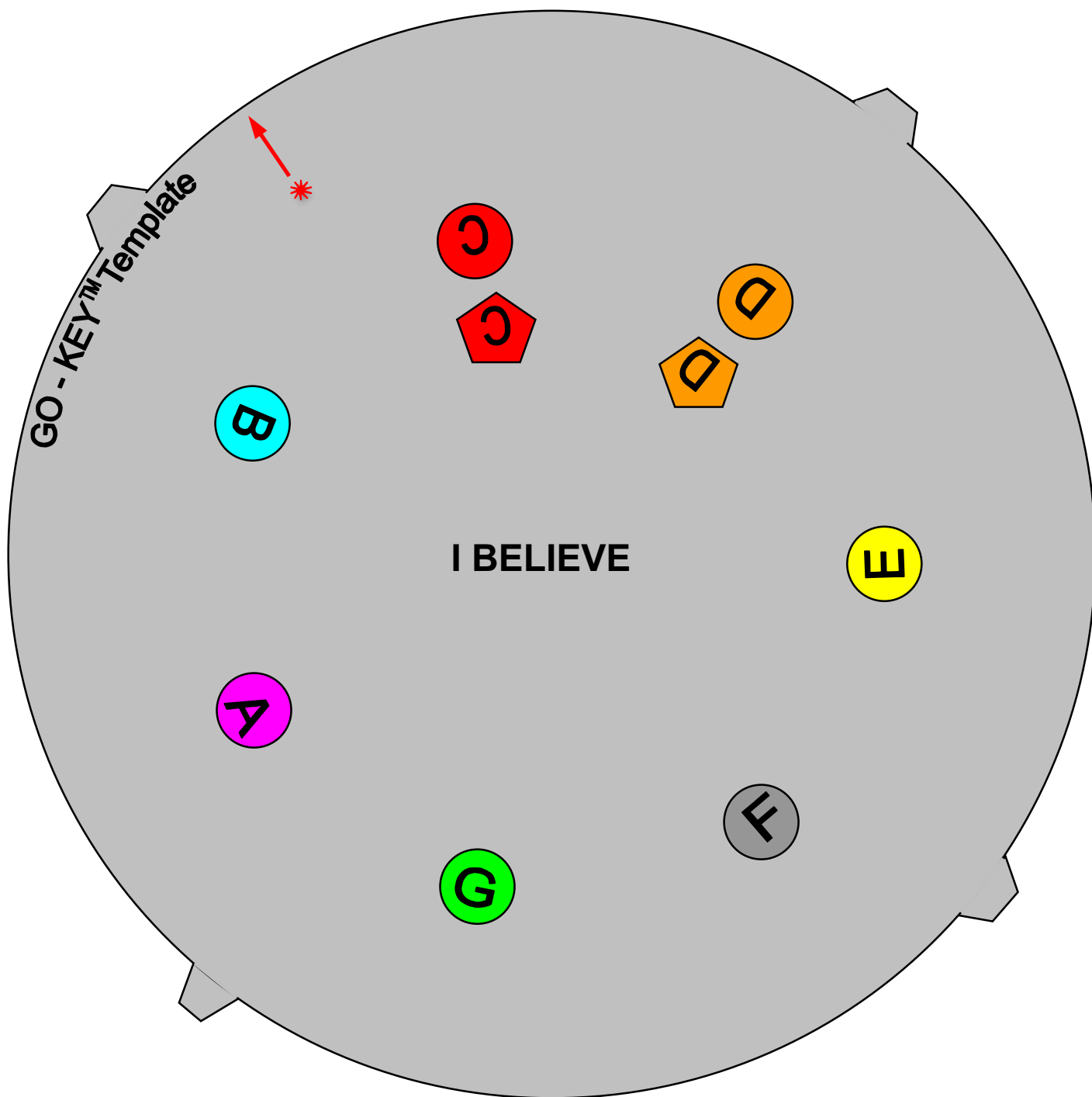
B C B C C F F A G G
To show the way I believe, I believe

C C C C C C C C D E D D E D E
I believe above the storm the smallest prayer will still be heard

E E E E E E E E F G F F G F G
I believe that someone in the great somewhere hears every word

G G G G G G G G A B A A B A B
Every time I hear a newborn baby cry Or touch a leaf

B C B C C D C D D C C END
Or see the sky Then I know why I be - lieve.



History and Origin

"I Believe" is a popular song written by Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham, Jimmy Shirl and Al Stillman in 1953.

"I Believe" was commissioned and introduced by Jane Froman on her television show, and became the first hit song ever introduced on TV. Froman, troubled by the uprising of the Korean War in 1952 so soon after World War II, asked Drake, Graham, Shirl and Stillman to compose a song that would offer hope and faith to the populace. Froman's commercial recording reached No. 11 in the Billboard charts during a 10-week stay. "I Believe" has been recorded by many others, and has become both a popular and religious standard.

"I Believe" was recorded by American country music band Diamond Rio. It was released in November 2002 as the second single from their album *Completely*. The song became Diamond Rio's fifth and final No. 1 single on the Billboard Country Songs chart in 2003. The song's music video takes place in an area where many bad incidents are happening and a man is coping with losing his wife by finding comfort in angels. But at the end, she awakens. It was directed by Deaton Flanigen and premiered on January 8, 2003 on CMT.

Frankie Laine's version spent eighteen non-consecutive weeks at the top of the UK Singles Chart. Laine also had the most successful version in the USA, where he reached #2 for three weeks.

Other Recordings:

1953, Perry Como - I Believe ~ Songs of All Faiths Sung by Perry Como.

1953, David Whitfield recorded the song.

1953, Mahalia Jackson - release a single.

1955, Roy Hamilton - released a single.

1956, Mahalia Jackson included in the album *The World's Greatest Gospel Singer*.

1957, Elvis Presley - for his EP *Peace in the Valley* and in the album *Elvis' Christmas Album*.

1958, Jimmie Rodgers - included in the album *The Number One Ballads*.

1960, Brook Benton & Dinah Washington - included in their album *Two of Us*.

1960, David Whitfield new recording appeared in the UK Singles Chart, peaking at No.49.

1960, Andy Williams - for his album *The Village of St. Bernadette*.

1961, Johnnie Ray & Timi Yuro - released a single.

1964, The Bachelors took the song to the number two spot in the UK.

1964, Pat Boone - *The Lord's Prayer (And Other Great Hymns)*.

1965, Earls - included in the album "Remember Me".

1967, Reparata and the Delrons - 45 RPM single *Mala 573*.

1967, Tom Jones - *Tom Jones Live! At the Talk of the Town*.

1968, Louis Armstrong - included in his album *I Will Wait for You*.

1970, Glen Campbell - for his album *Oh Happy Day*.

1981, B.J. Thomas - in his album *Amazing Grace*.

1995, Robson & Jerome's version reached number one in the UK.

1997, Daniel O'Donnell - *I Believe*.