TO MAKE THE WOUNDED WHOLE

"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wounds of my people?" This fine old African-American spiritual uses these words from Jeremiah 8:22 to also allude to faith in the healing and redemptive power of Jesus. You can hear a lovely rendition of the song on the Audio Archive at the link below. I have transcribed it in the same key as the recording.

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

-- Traditional

CHORUS:

C F C G G7
There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded who - ole
C F C G C
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Am Dm Em G7
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.
Am F G Am F
But then the holy spirit revives my soul again.

CHORUS

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend

And if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

CHORUS

If you can't pray like Peter, if you can't preach like Paul

Go home and tell your neighbor he died to save us all.

CHORUS