The Fraternity Song

All brothers must be able to sing “Here’s to Our Fraternity,” the first song of the Fraternity. The melody of the song dates back to the 18th century when, with the Latin title “Gaudeamus Igitur,” the tune was sung by students at German universities. The Fraternity lyrics were written in 1899 by ZBT Founder Maurice L. Zellermayer, Columbia 1898.

ZBT International Headquarters can supply a recording of this song upon request.

“How’s to Our Fraternity”

1. Here’s to our fraternity, May it live forever,

May we always faithful be, And its bonds ne’er sever.

2. Let us raise our glasses, boys, And pledge our friendship ever,

Though life may have its cares and joys, That friendship we’ll ne’er sever.

In life’s sorrow and its sadness, In its joys and in its gladness,

We’ll be brethren of ZBT, Always brethren of Zeta Beta Tau.

3. Lord of Heaven and of Earth, Keep watch o’er us ever,

Fill our hearts with love and mirth, Let our bonds ne’er sever.

By the heav’n that smiles above us, By the faith of those that love us,

God protect our ZBT, God protect our Zeta Beta Tau.

Brother Zellermayer