[narrator]Today we are going to see one of the earliest stories of God's people celebrating. In our story are Miriam, the older sister of Moses, and her two friends Shiphrah and Puah. They will be leading all of God's people, that's us, in a big celebration. They were celebrating because God had stopped the Egyptians from capturing God's people and making them go back into slavery. That sure sounds like a reason to celebrate. Let's meet them.

[scene] Miriam, Shiphrah and Puah are together, Miriam has tambourine.

[Miriam] Hey Shiphrah and Puah, come over here and help me.

[Shiphrah] What's up Miriam?

[Miriam] I want to write a song, or maybe a cheer or something. Something that we can all sing together and remember to remind us of everything that just happened today.

[Puah] Yes, that was amazing, all of the Egyptian army getting drown. I actually think that we might be free.

[Shiphrah] Yes, I know what you mean. The plagues and all of that were impressive, but all my life I've been told that nobody could ever beat Faeroe at anything. I knew that God did a lot to get us out of Egypt but I wasn't really sure that Faeroe was really trying that hard.

[Puah] I know that I was sure frightened when all of the soldiers came after us, I knew that Faeroe meant it then, but even the horses and riders all died.

[Miriam] Yes, that's it so help me write something that we can all do together so we'll all remember and can tell our children. That way if scary things happen again we can remember and be brave and trust in God.

[Shiphrah] That's easy Miriam.

[Shiphrah grabs Tambourine]

[Shiphrah] [with Tambourine]We beat Egypt!! We Beat Egypt!!

[Miriam] No, [takes tambourine back]

[Miriam] God did it, God threw even the big horses and their riders into the water, that's what we need to sing about.

[Puah] [takes tambourine]

[Puah] Let's do this. God likes us best!! God likes us best.

[Miriam] No, that's not it either. Let's sing about what God did. He stopped the Egyptians, God let us get away when they were sure that they could catch us. He threw their horses and riders into the sea.

[Puah] Wow, that's cool.

[Miriam] Maybe we could start like this, "sing to the lord for he has triumphed Gloriously;

[both Shiphrah and Puah] Horse and Rider he has thrown into the sea!!

[Miriam] That's it. Hey everybody, let's sing together.

[scene] the three take tambourines and lead song. "Sing to the lord for he has triumphed gloriously; Horse and Rider he has thrown into the sea.

[Narrator] God's people have been singing the song of Miriam for thousands of years now. As she hoped, the song helps us remember that God is with us, helping us, and giving us many reasons to celebrate together as God's people.