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**Hymns and Songs for Worship:**

**Creation Care**

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[**Across The Lands**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmlVM-MrGNM)

You’re The Word Of God The Father,

From before the world began;

Every star and every planet

Has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together

By the power of Your voice:

Let the skies declare Your glory,

Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You’re the Author of creation,*

*You’re the Lord of every man;*

*And Your cry of love rings out*

*Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,

Came to seek and save the lost,

And exchanged the joy of heaven

For the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,

With a word You stilled the sea;

Yet how silently You suffered

That the guilty may go free.

*Refrain*

With a shout You rose victorious,

Wresting victory from the grave,

And ascended into heaven

Leading captives in Your wake.

Now You stand before the Father

Interceding for Your own.

From each tribe and tongue and nation

You are leading sinners home.

*Refrain*

***Stuart Townend & Keith Getty***

**[Adoration](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EMRZdsVLek)**

We bow our hearts we lift our hands
we turn our eyes to you again
And we surrender to the truth
that all we need is found in You.

*Receive our adoration
Jesus lamb of God
Receive our adoration
how wonderful you are.*

We choose to leave it all behind
and turn our eyes towards the prize
the upward call of God in Christ
you have our hearts Lord take our lives.

 *Refrain*

Every soul you´ve saved sings out
everything you´ve made resounds
all creation´s standing now
lifting up your name
We´re joining in the angel´s song
we´re gathered to your ancient throne
children in our Father´s arms
shouting out your praise.

***Brenton Brown***

**[All Creatures Lament](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIzlztdrZD0)**

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voices; let them ring

Fill the earth with lamentation!

Cry out abuses of our pow'r

Tell what we lose with every hour

To our greed and depredation

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy!

All creatures winging in the air

Cry out the failures of our care

Fill the sky with lamentation!

Shout through the clouds of smoke and ash

Choked with the fumes of poison gas

Tell us of our degradation

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy!

All creatures hidden in the seas

Lift up your anguished prayers and pleas

Fill the sea with lamentation!

Teach us to see your wonders now

Help us to make a holy vow

Here to halt your devastation

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy!

All creatures dwelling on the land

Join as we lift each heart and hand

Fill the world with lamentation!

Mourn the destruction of our home

Weep with the fear of worse to come

Hear the groans of all creation

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy!

***The Porter's Gate***

[**All Creatures of Our God and King**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3kxfFe3mKY)

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

*Refrain*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,

 Make music for thy Lord to hear,

O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.

*Refrain*

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them His glory also show.
*Refrain*

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

*Refrain*

And thou most kind and gentle Death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod.

*Refrain*

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

*Refrain*

***William H Draper***

**[All People that on Earth do Dwell](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OEZKECfgNc)**

All people that on earth do dwell,

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.

Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;

Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;

Without our aid He did us make;

We are His folk, He doth us feed,

And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;

Approach with joy His courts unto;

Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,

For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;

His mercy is for ever sure;

His truth at all times firmly stood,

And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

The God Whom Heaven and earth adore,

From men and from the angel host

Be praise and glory evermore.

***William Kethe***

**[All Things Bright and Beautiful](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxjWUESv7gk)**

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

*Refrain*

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

*Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,

The pleasant summer sun,

The ripe fruits in the garden,

He made them every one.

*Refrain*

The tall trees in the greenwood,

The meadows where we play,

The rushes by the water,

To gather every day.

*Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them,

And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,

Who has made all things well.

*Refrain*

***Cecil F Alexander***

**[All Things Bright and Beautiful](https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/news/2019/07/12/all-things-bright-and-beautiful/)**

**Alternative words to the hymn “All things bright and beautiful” by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895).**

*All things bright and beautiful,*

*All creatures great and small,*

*Unless we're more responsible*

*We could well lose them all.*

A wind of change is blowing,

The warning bells have rung.

Now acid rain is falling,

And climate change begun.

The tree-denuded mountains;

Polluted river beds;

The plastic in our oceans,

Are things that we should dread.

The storms are getting greater;

The floods grow huge and strong.

We can’t leave things till later,

As we don’t have that long!

The chopping down of forests;

The sacking of our seas;

The blowing of the tempests,

Will bring us to our knees.

We’ve eyes to see injustice,

And lips we’ll use to tell,

If we don't work to stop this,

We could be doomed as well!

***Words by Revd Andy McCosh, April 2019.***

**[As the Seeds are Planted (Let the Earth Find Rest)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXek70m6yFw)**

As the seeds are planted,

let them yield a harvest,

when the crops are gathered:

let the earth find rest.

As the workers labour,

they deserve their wages,

let them feast with gladness:

let the earth find rest.

Let the earth find rest

as the Lord provides,

till the day of perfect peace;

for the Lord is good

and his love endures

and his mercies never cease.

When the wealthy prosper,

may their hearts be generous,

let them hate injustice:

let the earth find rest.

***Chris Juby***

[**As Water for the Thirsty**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5aKsmtNET4)

As water to the thirsty,

as beauty to the eyes,

as strength that follows weakness,

as truth instead of lies,

as song time and springtime

and summertime to be,

so is my Lord, my living Lord,

so is my Lord to me.

Like calm in place of clamor,

like peace that follows pain,

like meeting after parting,

like sunshine after rain,

like moonlight and starlight

and sunlight on the sea,

so is my Lord, my living Lord,

so is my Lord to me.

As sleep that follows fever,

as gold instead of grey,

as freedom after bondage,

as sunrise to the day,

as home to the traveller

and all we long to see,

so is my Lord, my living Lord,

so is my Lord to me.

***David Haas***

**[At your Bidding (You Saw that it was Good)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjfOphqiWZM)**

At your bidding there was beginning,

at your summons this world was formed,

all things living brought into being

by the power of your word.

You saw that it was good,

you saw that it was good,

help us give you thanks

with the praise and awe we should.

For all your ways are good,

yes, all your ways are good;

God of all creation,

all your ways are good.

In this garden that you have given,

we were hungry for all its fruit,

so we plundered the earth and oceans,

seizing more than we were due.

We stole from what was good,

we stole from what was good,

help us face the truth

with the honesty we should.

For all your ways are good…

As the planet longs for redemption,

spoiled and reeling from nature’s loss,

we remember the source of healing

flowing out from Jesus’ cross.

You came down for our good,

you came down for our good,

help us look to you

with the hope and faith we should.

For all your ways are good…

If we bow down and seek your mercy,

will you hear us and still forgive?

Holy Spirit, make us determined

to reshape the way we live.

Restore all that is good,

restore all that is good,

help us change our hearts

so we show the care we should.

For all your ways are good…

***Alex Fergusson & Tim Fergusson***

[**Beauty for Brokenness**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaMPE53uP38)

Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in their suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor*
*Friend of the weak*
*Give us compassion we pray*
*Melt our cold hearts*
*Let tears fall like rain*
*Come, change our love*
*From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

*Refrain*

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

*Refrain*

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

*Refrain x 2*

***Graham Kendrick***

**[Bring in the Year of Jubilee (Psalm 37)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdNPGFBH7cs)**

The meek will inherit the earth

The meek will inherit the earth

The first will be last and the last will be first

The meek will inherit the earth

The wicked will lose what they stole

The wicked will lose what they stole

And all that they thought they could own and control

The wicked will lose what they stole

Jubilee

Now is the year of His favor

Jubilee

Rest for the weary creation

Now bring in the year of Jubilee

Turn now from evil to good

Turn now from evil to good

Then we will dwell in the land as we should

Turn now from evil to good

Jubilee

Now is the year of His favor

Jubilee

Rest for the weary creation

Now bring in the year of Jubilee

The earth will sigh with relief

The earth's gonna sigh with relief

There's more than enough for the hungry to feed

The earth will sigh with relief

Jubilee

Now is the year of His favor

Jubilee

Rest for the weary creation

Jubilee

Now is the year of His favor

Jubilee

Rest for the weary creation

Now bring in the year of Jubilee

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***The Porter's Gate***

**[Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlNoxoOocZs)**

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

***Richard A M Gillard***

**[Brother Sun (Giving Glory!)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBWWyXa-wr8)**

Brother sun, sister moon

Your light shines from the heavens

Giving glory, all the glory

To the Maker

Gentle wind, welcome home

You've been traveling with your song

Singing glory, all the glory

To the Maker

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Singing glory

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Singing glory to the Maker

Hallelujah!

Sweetest rain, serenade

Pouring down from the heavens

Bring all your blessings, every blessing

From the Maker

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Singing glory

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Singing glory to the Maker

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Singing glory

All you people, join in the song

There is work to be done

For the glory, all the glory

Of the Maker

***The Porter’s Gate***

[**Come Ye Thankful People Come**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJn3B7Yebnc)

Come, ye thankful people, come

Raise the song of harvest home

All is safely gathered in

Ere the winter storms begin

God our Maker doth provide

For our wants to be supplied

Come to God's own temple, come

Raise the song of harvest home

All the world is God's own field

Fruit unto His praise to yield

Wheat and tares together sown

Unto joy or sorrow grown

First the blade and then the ear

Then the full corn shall appear

Lord of harvest, grant that we

Wholesome grain and pure may be

For the Lord our God shall come

And shall take His harvest home

From His field shall in that day

All offenses purge away

Giving angels charge at last

In the fire the tares to cast

But the fruitful ears to store

In His garner evermore

Even so, Lord, quickly come

Bring Thy final harvest home

Gather Thou Thy people in

Free from sorrow, free from sin

There, forever purified

In Thy garner to abide

Come, with all Thine angels come

Raise the glorious harvest home

***Henry Alford***

**Creation Sings! Each Plant and Tree**

Creation sings each plant and tree

Each bird and beast in harmony

The brightest star the smallest cell

God's tender care and glory tell

From ocean depths to mountain peaks

In praise of God creation speaks.

Creation speaks a message true

Reminds us we are creatures too

To serve as stewards is our role

Despite our dreams of full control

When we disparage what God owns

In turmoil all creation groans.

Creation groans to see the day

Which ends all bondage all decay

Frustrated now it must await

The Lord who comes to recreate

Till round the universe there rings

The song his new creation sings.

***Martin E Leckebusch***

[**Creation Sings the Father’s Song**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hf8xKiC1dq0)

Creation sings the Father's song
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day
'Til evening falls in crimson rays
His fingerprints in flakes of snow
His breath upon this spinning globe
He charts the eagle's flight
Commands the new born baby's cry

*Hallelujah, let all creation stand and sing*
*Hallelujah, fill the earth with songs of worship*
*Tell the wonders of creations' King*

Creation gazed upon His face

The ageless One in times' embrace

Unveiled the Father's plan

Of reconciling God and man

A second Adam walked the earth

Whose blameless life would break the curse

Whose death would set us free

To live with Him eternally

*Refrain*

Creation longs for His return

When Christ shall reign upon the earth

The bitter wars that rage

Are birth pains of a coming age

When He renews the land and sky

All heav'n will sing and earth reply

With one resplendent theme

The glory of our God and King

*Refrain x 2*

Fill the earth with songs of worship

Tell the wonders of creation's King x 2

***Stuart Townend & Keith and Kristyn Getty***

**Creator God**

Creator God, your children's voices rise,
Fed by your earth, uplifted by your skies,

Thankful for all its beauty and surprise,

Praise ever singing, ever singing.

Where forests range their canopies of trees,

May we sustain such vital gifts as these,
Let woodland shelter still resound with bees,

Birds ever singing, ever, singing.

Beneath the moon the ocean lifts its tide,

Help us to curb our poisoned human pride

Still may the whales, the fish and dolphins ride
Seas ever singing, ever singing

From south to north, from deeps to thinnest air,
Kingdoms of creatures flourish everywhere, Open our hearts and let us learn to share

Life ever singing, ever singing.

God gave the word, and earth spins out in space,
Made us custodians of this glorious place,

Then let us give the future human race

Worlds ever singing, ever singing.

***Jenny Baines*** *(To tune of For All the Saints)*

[**Declaring Glory (The Earth Sings its Refrain)**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BFI_aL9pAE)

When I was young

You woke me with the sound of song

The wind and rhythm drew me along

I echoed in the hymn of the dawn

I turned, and turned

This dance that all the planets learned

In circles, 'round the stars as they burned

I praise You as I orbit and turn

Declaring glory, glory

Declaring glory, glory

The mountains rise

The forests grow before my eyes

The moments and the seasons in mind

Then turn again, embracing the tide

The waters fall

And carve their way across my soil

Their canyons cutting deep in my soul

I praise You while the rivers still roar

Declaring glory, glory

Declaring glory, glory

New life begins

Your creatures dance across my skin

Like me, they have Your Spirit within

But soon they fade away as I spin

They fall to dust

And dress me in decay and rust

Their secrets buried deep in my crust

I praise You in the layers of dust

Declaring glory, glory

Declaring glory, glory

All the rocks wear down

Beneath passing of the crowds

The rivers run until they run out

I praise You till my fire's run out

I praise You till my fire's run out

I praise You till my fire's run out

I'll praise my Maker in every age

I'll praise my Maker in every age

I'll praise my Maker in every age (glory, glory)

I'll praise my Maker in every age (glory, glory)

Glory (ooh, oh)

Glory (mm)

***The Porter’s Gate***

**[Fill your Hearts with Joy and Gladness](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1jMihP_S-E)**

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children--
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

***Timothy Dudley-Smith***

[**For the Beauty of the Earth**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q73Jrz1uDVI)

For the beauty of the earth,

For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies;

*Lord of all, to thee we raise*

*This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the beauty of each hour

Of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower,

Sun and moon, and stars of light;

*Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye,

For the heart and mind's delight,

For the mystic harmony,

Linking sense to sound and sight;

*Refrain*

For the joy of human love,

Brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above,

For all gentle thoughts and mild;

*Refrain*

For Your church, that evermore

Lifting holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love;

*Refrain*

For thyself, best Gift Divine,

To the world so freely given,

For that great, great love of thine,

Peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

***Folliott Pierpoint***

**[For the Fruits of His Creation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU8a7a0kJqc)**

For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God.
Gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

***F Pratt Green, Stainer & Bell***

[**For the Healing of the Nations**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fNuy5klPnQ)

For the healing of the nations,

Lord, we pray with one accord,

for a just and equal sharing

of the things that earth affords.

To a life of love in action

help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,

from despair your world release,

that, redeemed from war and hatred,

all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness

fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,

let it from the earth be banned:

pride of status, race or schooling,

dogmas that obscure your plan.

In our common quest for justice

may we hallow brief life's span.

You, Creator God, have written

your great name on humankind;

for our growing in your likeness

bring the life of Christ to mind;

that by our response and service

earth its destiny may find.

***Fred Kaan***

**God in All**

Our God who lives, flows in waters,

drifts in clouds and glows in snow,

flashes silver in fleeting fish,

darts in darkness round the rocks,

blooms afresh as showers bring flowers,

freshens scent for bugs and bees.

Here we live together woven,

one with God in wonder held.

Our God who lives, moves with breezes,

flies in skies and travels far,

floats with owls to quarter meadows,

dives with gannets in the surf.

on the wing with birds migrating –

swallows, swifts and butterflies;

Though they fly in all directions,

God is with them as they fly.

Our God lives, alert and watching

over newborn in the nest,

keeps them warm with fur or feather,

crouches, pounces on the hunt,

scuttles, burrows, refuge seeking –

fox and mouse, God lives in each.

On the ground we are together,

held by God in pain or joy.

Our God dies, entombed with Jesus,

from the earth he on us breathes

autumn scents from leaves decaying,

whiffs of springtime gifting life.

Grubs and worms soil overturning;

naught is wasted, all made new.

Like all creatures we are mortal,

as with Christ we die and live.

God lives anew, now arising,

swelling oceans, winds astir,

croaks to us as frogs are courting,

calls to us in curlew's song,

shines from corals colours gleaming,

rests in shade of leaves above.

Called to serve your living creatures

guide us God to tend and care.

Holy Spirit ever moving,

always leading, out ahead.

Come let's find what wisdom's showing,

lightly tread among what's spread,

gaze in wonder and amazement,

serve and share the gifts of life.

God who raises Christ in glory

lift us all to praise and sing.

***Words: Lisle Ryder***

***Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Blaenwern, Hyfrydol 8787.D***

**[God in His Love for us Lent us this Planet](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwBLsS6M4jQ)**

God in His Love for us Lent us this Planet

Gave it a purpose in time and in space;

Small as a spark from the fire of creation,

Cradle of life and home of our race.

Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty, Life that sustains us in body and mind; Plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,

Riches undreamed-of to fathom and find.

Long have our human wars ruined its harvest; Long has earth bowed to the terror of force; Long have we wasted what others have need of, Poisoned the fountain of life at its source.

Earth is the Lord; it is ours to enjoy it, Ours, as God’s stewards, to farm and defend. From its pollution, misuse, and destruction, Good Lord deliver us, world without end.

***Fred Pratt Green***

[**God of Grace and Mystery**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYr9YokEmBU)

God of grace and mystery

From your fullness overflows

More than we can ever hold

Fill us with a melody

Rising up to greet the dawn

Joining in creation's song

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

God of hospitality

Here within the world you make

Every creature finds its place

As we hear your symphony

Call us now to join the dance

Held and led within your hands

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

God creating all we see

All that lives beyond our gaze

Fill the earth with breath and praise

Call us into harmony

Teach us how to join with you

Ever making all things new

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

***The Porter’s Gate***

**[God of Immeasurable Might](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wka0pntwwHk)**

God of immeasurable might,

whose hands shaped the sun in the sky;

on solid foundations established creation

and gave it life.

Everything made by design,

crafted with wisdom divine;

painted with purpose on your living canvas,

making the world come alive!

Praise the Lord, my soul!

God, you are wonderful!

All of creation breathes because of you.

You have poured your heart

into this work of art

and, with breath you gave,

the world responds in praise:

thank you for all you have made!

You are the giver of life,

sustainer of all in your sight;

you care for the needs

of the creatures beneath

your watchful eye.

You’re our creator and King,

your goodness surrounds everything;

ruling with kindness and walking beside us,

reigning in majesty.

***Andy Clark***

[**God the Maker of the Heavens**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyYwCG4Tf_c)

God, the maker of the heavens,

and the planet that we share,

show us how to live, like Jesus,

lives of gratitude and care.

Make us mindful of the footprints

from the lives that we pursue.

Make us partners in your mission:

you are making all things new.

God, the gardener of Eden,

teach us how to tend this earth,

learning from the changing seasons,

times of fallow and new birth.

Lord have mercy when we’re careless,

rich resources we misuse.

Use our hands to heal creation:

you are making all things new.

God of labour and vocation,

Lord of science, trade and art,

take our efforts and our passions

make them mirrors of your heart.

Every habitat and creature

loved and valued, God, by you.

May our lives reveal your Kingdom:

you are making all things new.

You are making all things new.

you are making all things new,

all things renewed.

***Sam Hargreaves***

**[God the Word of Life (Great Day)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmwWukO_rqw)**

God, the Word of life, created all,

sun and moon and galaxies beyond,

giving life to all that lives and breathes,

grace and love supplying every need.

Yet we wait for the day.

In Christ we hope,

by faith we know

our redemption is close,

but still the earth groans.

God, our hope, has heard creation call,

pouring out his mercy on the earth,

giving us his one and only Son

rescuing the world he loves so much.

Yet we wait for the day.

The earth will be healed,

creation set free,

in the great day of the Lord.

The whole earth restored,

in beauty and awe,

in the great day of the Lord.

**Jo Doré, Judy Gresham, Carey Luce & Geraldine Latty**

**Golden Leaves**

Dropped golden leaves

all glowing from the ground.

Upon the tree

there you were once the crown.

Fly, fly dear birds

as you must needs migrate,

yet come back safe

once more to procreate.

Weep, weep you clouds

with rain to fill the lakes,

yet not our homes

to flood, with us displaced.

Blow gently winds

to cleanse the air for breath,

never too fierce

lest storms cause loss and death.

Come close dear God

embark within the boat,

keep migrants safe

from harm, their craft afloat.

Encourage us

who surely have enough

to share with those

for whom these times are tough.

May we be held

with all that you have made,

at one in Christ

with creatures all arrayed.

***Words: Lisle Ryder***

***Tune: Song 46, Orlando Gibbons***

**[Good Lord, Deliver Us](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZJzTKPCCPg)**

Good Lord

Good Lord

Good Lord, deliver us

Good Lord

Good Lord

Good Lord, deliver us

From the merchants in the temple

And the worship of our greed

From the whisper of the tempter

We should take more than we need

From the chains of wealth and plunder

From our avarice and pride

From the ever growing hunger

From our vanity and strife

Good Lord

Good Lord

Good Lord, deliver us

Good Lord

Good Lord

Good Lord, deliver us

From our constant quest for power

Over all that we survey

From the lies that we devour

From the fears we cannot face

Come and save us from our demons

Come and strip away our hate

Come O Lord, restore our reason

Come O Christ, the time is late

Good Lord

Good Lord

Good Lord, deliver us

Good Lord

Good Lord

Good Lord, deliver us

***The Porter’s Gate***

[**Great in Power**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDU2ct_ykhA)

Praise Him, you heavens

And all that's above.

Praise Him, you angels

And heavenly hosts.

Let the whole earth praise Him.

Praise Him, the sun, moon

And bright shining stars.

Praise Him, you heavens

And waters and skies.

Let the whole earth praise Him.

Great in power, great in glory,

Great in mercy, King of heaven.

Great in battle, great in wonder,

Great in Zion, King over all the earth.

***Russell Fragar***

**[Great is Thy Faithfulness](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iZzsrwf_aE)**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee;

Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not,

As thou hast been, Thou for ever will be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;

Sun moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness*

*Great is thy faithfulness*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*All I have needed thy hand hath provided –*

*Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

*Refrain x 2*

***Thomas Chrisholm***

[**Hear the Call of the Kingdom**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwJIwKPRt5Q)

Hear the call of the Kingdom

Lift your eyes to the King

Let His song rise within you

As a fragrant offering

Of how God rich in mercy

Came in Christ to redeem

All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the Kingdom

To be children of light

With the mercy of heaven

The humility of Christ

Walking justly before Him

Loving all that is right

That the life of Christ may shine through us

*King of Heaven we will answer the call*

*We will follow bringing hope to the world*

*Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim*

*Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the Kingdom

To reach out to the lost

With the Father's compassion

In the wonder of the cross

Bringing peace and forgiveness

And a hope yet to come

Let the nations put their trust in Him

*Refrain x 2*

***Stuart Townend***

**[Hear the Song of our Lament](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRgt62AoZNQ)**

Hear the song of our lament,

we grieve a dry and broken land;

hearts have turned from your intent

and earth is ravaged by our hand.

Oceans weep for beauty lost,

and forests plead for your return,

fields are drenched in tears and blood;

all nature groans beneath sin’s curse.

Have mercy, have mercy,

have mercy on us, Lord.

Renew us, restore us,

have mercy on us, Lord.

Peoples rage and nations rise

to war and waste for senseless gain,

turning from creation’s cries

and trading glory in for shame.

Have mercy...

Lead us in your Eden call

to live as those who bear your name;

show us how to love your world

until the day you come again.

***Keiko Ying***

[**Heaven's Voice Brings the Dawn**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msWH0HQTJRQ&t=42s)

Heaven’s voice brings the dawn,

out of chaos is born

new creation

exploding with wonder;

planets spin into space,

earth and sky find their place,

all of nature

awakes to its maker.

You say everything you’ve made is good:

the sun, the moon,

the stars that shine above.

You say everything you’ve made is good:

the land, the seas

and all that lives and breathes.

We sing praise to the maker,

to our King, our creator:

praise to Almighty God.

All creation together

singing one hallelujah:

praise to Almighty God.

We are formed from the dust,

with your image in us,

given life by the breath

you are breathing;

called to work and to care,

called to nurture and share;

called to serve you

and walk where you’re leading.

***Joel Payne & Matt Weeks***

**[Here I am Lord](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UA2fMeXEKLA)**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin,

my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I mm Lord, is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people’s pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them

whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them,

my hand will save

finest bread I will provide,

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them,

whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

***Daniel Schutte***

[**Hope for the World's Despair**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTJ_n70apiQ)

Hope for the world's despair

We feel the nations' pain

Can anything repair

This broken earth again

For this we pray, In every place

A spark of grace

To light the way

Wisdom for all who bear

The future in their hand

Entrusted with the care

Of this and every land

When comes the hour, O Lord, we pray

Inspire the way

We spend our power

Honour for all who've paid

War's painful, bitter price

When duty called they made

The greatest sacrifice

Their memory, Will never cease

To cry for peace

And harmony

Ease for the troubled mind

In endless conflict caught

Each soul that cannot find

The peace beyond all thought

May they be blessed, With healing balm

For inner calm

And perfect rest

Love for the human heart

When hate grows from our fears

And inwardly we start

To turn our ploughs to spears

Help us to sow, Love's precious seed

In word and deed

That peace may grow

***Ally Barrett***

[**Hosanna! (Will You Rise?)**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1KfBkuYuhk)

When the waters rise all around

When the rocks and trees, they cry out

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven

Hosanna! Hosanna

Will You rise? Will You rise

Hosanna! Hosanna

Will You rise? Will You rise

Fill us with Your breath to renew

Care for what you've made as You do

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven

Hosanna! Hosanna

Will You rise? Will You rise

Hosanna! Hosanna

Will You rise? Will You rise

Hosanna! Hosanna

Will You rise? Will You rise

Hosanna! Hosanna

Will You rise? Will You rise

Will You rise? Will You rise

Will You rise? Will You rise

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

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Your kingdom come, Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven

***The Porter’s Gate***

**[If the Fields are Parched (Have Mercy)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LsqrROrAcM)**

If the fields are parched

and the trees are felled

will the rocks cry aloud on their own?

If the birds are starved

and the beasts are killed

will the bones in the dust lift a song?

Have mercy, Lord,

have mercy, Lord.

Forgive our broken ways.

Have mercy, Lord,

have mercy, Lord.

Renew the world you made

As the oceans rise

and the wells run dry

do we care if disaster is near?

If our children starve

will they cry to God?

Will they curse us for closing our ears?

Still a day will come

when the Lord returns

and the earth will be perfect again

No more greed or war,

no more tooth and claw,

for the wolf and the lamb will be friends.

***Chris Juby***

[**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spE-BE23qxA)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; oh, help us to see
’Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

***Walter C. Smith***

**[Indescribable](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IlVfkY5q54)**

From the highest of heights,
To the depths of the sea,
Creation’s revealing Your majesty.
From the colours of fall
To the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique
In the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable,*

*You placed the stars in the sky,*

*And You know them by name:*

*You are amazing, God.*

*All-powerful, untamable;*

*Awestruck, we fall to our knees*

*As we humbly proclaim:*

*You are amazing, God*

Who has told every lightning bolt
Where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses
Laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun
And gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom.

*Indescribable, uncontainable,*

*You placed the stars in the sky,*

*And You know them by name:*

*You are amazing, God.*

*Incomparable, unchangeable,*

*You see the depths of my heart*

*And you love me the same;*

*You are amazing, God.*

***Chris Tomlin***

[**Inspired by Love and Anger**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQ2Ao5_Ta2M)

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
Informed of God’s own bias we ask him once again:
“How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?”

From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
Their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
“Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?”

From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,
The fear of lost advantage provokes the bitter cry,
“Don’t query our position! Don’t criticise our wealth!
Don’t mention those exploited by politics and stealth!”

To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,
We offer earth’s indifference, its agony and rage:
“When will the wronged be righted? When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?”

God asks, “Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?”

Amused in someone’s kitchen, asleep in someone’s boat,
Attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
A Saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools
Has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

***John Bell***

**[Jesus Is Lord!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbJJwffU5L8)**

Jesus is Lord! Creation’s voice proclaims it,
For by His power each tree and flower
Was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,
Sun, moon and stars in heaven
Cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with Hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
In flesh He came to die in pain
On Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
Yet gave His life a ransom
Thus setting us free.

*Refrain*

Jesus is Lord! O’er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death He rose, and all His foes
Shall own His Name.
Jesus is Lord! God sent His Holy Spirit
To show by works of power
That Jesus is Lord.

*Refrain*

***David J Mansell***

[**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxEUIJuDQfA)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

***Henry Van Dyke***

**[Keep Watch and Pray](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aiLNxKOgaeo)**

Before the dark

Before the pain

Before the beauty of the world had been unmade

Your voice, it rang

Your words, they stood

You breathed Your life into the world and called it good

You will come again

We will weep no more

I wanna be ready, ready

And will we walk with you

Like we did before

I wanna be ready, ready

I wanna be ready, ready

These fields are dry

Your garden burns

And all the rocks and trees and fields cry out in turn

Your promise rings

Your words are true

All creation once again will be made new

And you will come again

We will weep no more

I wanna be ready, ready

And will we walk with you

Like we did before

I wanna be ready, ready

I wanna be ready, ready

Keep watch and pray

Keep watch and pray

Keep watch and pray

Keep watch and pray

Keep watch and pray

I don't want to be sleeping (Keep watch and pray)

I don't want to be sleeping (Keep watch and pray)

I don't want to be sleeping (Keep watch and pray)

I don't want to be sleeping (Keep watch and pray)

I don't want to be sleeping (Keep watch and pray)

I don't want to be sleeping (Keep watch and pray)

I wanna be ready, ready

***The Porter’s Gate***

[**Let All Creation Sing**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeCJJiMYR74)

Let all creation sing before the Lord

and every nation of the earth rejoice,

let all the trees lift a shout of joy

for the Lord is King.

Let the deep waters of the sea resound,

let every mountain, every hill sing out,

let all the fields make a joyful sound

for the Lord is King.

Mighty river, barren desert,

howling wind and stormy weather,

every canyon every valley,

sing your praise and give him glory.

Nature proclaims the glory of our God,

nature proclaims his name.

Every star and constellation,

every wonder in the heavens,

silver moon and supernova,

sing a shining hallelujah!

Nature proclaims the glory of our God,

nature proclaims his name.

Honey bees and weeping willows,

grizzly bears and armadillos,

every narwhal and sea otter,

every son and every daughter.

Nature proclaims the glory of our God,

nature proclaims his name.

La la la la la la la - All the earth, praise the Lord

La la la la la la la - All the earth, praise the Lord

***Paul Zach & Andy Zipf***

**[Let us with a Gladsome Mind](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVJ9ePKw0ls)**

Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
*for His mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

He with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
*Refrain*

All things living God does feed;
with full measure, meets their need:
*Refrain*

Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
*Refrain*

***John Milton***

[**Lord, Have Mercy**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6ulLpv4yPw)

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Holy Spirit rest upon us

Lead us in the way of your justice

Holy Spirit rest upon us

Teach us how to serve in our weakness

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Holy Spirit rest upon us

Teach us how to tend to creation

Holy Spirit rest upon us

Guide us from our path of destruction

***The Porter’s Gate***

**[Lord of all Worlds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF5LJBRhTEs)**

Lord of all worlds, we worship and adore you,

creation sings a galaxy of praise:

the planets fly, the stars cry out in wonder,

new life appears, evolving in its ways.

You forged the sun, the molten light of morning;

you scattered stars, flung jewels of the night;

you are the day which penetrates our darkness:

fill us with hope that we might share your light.

You summoned land from dark and heaving

oceans,

you moulded hills and carved the mountains

high,

You are the artist who is still creating:

Make us your partners lest the earth shall die.

The glittering shoals flash through the rippling

water,

The gliding gull ascends the stream of air:

Now leaping thought and consecrated action

Become our way of living and of prayer.

You are the end that rushes through the

heavens,

The breath that gently feeds us from our birth:

We rest in you, our source and goal of living,

We strive for you as stewards of your earth.

***John Keys*** *(To the tune ‘Lord for the Years’)*

**Lord, You Created a World Rich in Splendour**

Lord, you created a world rich in splendour, touched with a beauty no words can express, able to move us to outbursts of wonder, so much to thrill us and so much to bless.

Mountains and moorlands rise up to the heavens, rivers and streams tumble down to the sea, gifts that amaze in profusion surround us, each a reflection of your majesty.

Promise of springtime and harvest of autumn, cold winter mornings and warm summer days, season by season brings new joys to greet us, reason to thank you and reason to praise.

Deep in the forest, remote in the desert, down in the ocean or high in the air; life in abundance is everywhere round us, proof of your power and sign of your care.

Lord, you have given a world rich in splendour, touched with a beauty that fills us with awe; hear now our praises, we bring you our worship, with all creation we kneel and adore.

***Nick Fawcett***

**[Love Divine all Loves Excelling](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGGcqhKShQ8)**

Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of heaven to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling;

All thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,

Pure unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation;

Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,

Into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit;

Let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its Beginning,

Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,

Let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return and never,

Never more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,

Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;

Pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see Thy great salvation

Perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory,

Till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Charles Wesley***

**Maker of this World of Wonder**

Maker of this world of wonder,

where, in whirling depths of space, humans on a fragile planet

bear the image of your face;

thank you for the wealth of beauty

we can touch or see or know;

joy of art and grasp of science,

chance to live and room to grow.

God of love, you share our sorrow

when we damage your design,

when, through centuries of slaughter,

vengeance spirals on in time.

Thousands, starved, enslaved and murdered,

pay the savage penalty

so the few can live in comfort –

cushioned inhumanity.

All the while, the living Spirit

longs to show a better way,

free and open, full of laughter,

learned through loving day by day.

By the Spirit’s call to justice,

by the gifts of hope and faith,

peace may grow and freedom flourish,

giving life not dealing death.

Maker of this world of wonder,

help us cherish your design;

God of love, through your forgiveness,

help us break the chains of time;

living Spirit, move among us,

stirring dreams to change the world

that our hands may shape a future

where God’s promise is fulfilled.

***Janet Woorron (To tune of Blaenwern)***

**Melting Jewels**

God's bountiful creation,

our hearts with wonder fill,

held now in contemplation

with mind and body still.

Diversity of creatures,

varieties of plants

for our delight displayed here

that we may be entranced.

Among the host of creatures

just who am I but one?

Yet you and I together

the world have overrun.

We've stained its glorious beauty,

good habitats are lost,

exploited or polluted

at devastating cost.

Our planet's overheating

through burning fossil fuels;

all round the seas are rising

from melting frozen jewels.

Where will the plants and creatures

find refuge to survive?

Without their diverse presence

have we the will to thrive?

It's not too late God shows us,

and science also tells,

to change our ways of living

pollutants to dispel.

Jesus, in mercy lead us

consumers of excess

from fouling our surroundings

to making do with less.

Earth, air and seas defiled,

God calls us to restore

for future generations

to wonder at once more.

Diversity of creatures,

varieties of plants

for their delight renewed there

that they may be entranced.

***Words: Lisle Ryder***

***Tune: Ewing, Hatherop Castle, Aurelia, Crüger etc. 7676 D***

[**Morning Has Broken**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bsNKqm7lZI)

Morning has broken,

Like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken

Like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

Praise for the, springing

Fresh from the Word!

 Sweet the rain's new fall

 Sunlit from Heaven,

 Like the first dewfall

 On the first grass.

 Praise for the sweetness

 Of the wet garden,

 Sprung in completeness

 Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,

Mine is the morning,

Born of the one light

Eden saw play.

Praise with elation,

Praise every morning,

God's re-creation

Of the new day.

***Eleanor Farjeon***

**[Nature Shines with Beauty](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5da1WTv4l0&t=2s)**

Nature shines with beauty,

bringing us a revelation

of the Maker's glory,

leading us in adoration.

O God who made the stars

and formed us from the dust,

your plans are over ours

and all your ways are love.

Nature groans in labour,

longing for the revelation

of the Maker's children

on the day of liberation

***Chris Juby***

[**Now the Green Blade Riseth**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27p98aLPZPI)

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,

Thinking that never he would wake again.

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green,

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,

He that for three days in the grave had lain.

Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,

Thy touch can call us back to life again;

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

***John Crum***

**[Oh the Life of the World is a Joy and Treasure](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENg2_3UrENo)**

Oh the life of the world

is a joy and treasure

Unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree,

The changing of seasons

in mountain and valley,

The stars and the bright restless sea.

Oh the life of the world

is a fountain of goodness

Overflowing in labour and passion and pain,

In the sound of the city

and the silence of wisdom,

In the birth of a child once again.

Oh the life of the world

is the source of our healing.

It rises in laughter and wells up in song;

It springs from the care of the poor

and the broken

And refreshes where justice is strong.

So give thanks for the life

and give love to the maker,

And rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son,

And walk in the peace

and the power of the Spirit

Till the days of our living are done.

***Kathy Galloway & Ian Galloway***

[**O Lord my God, When I in Awesome Wonder**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHqgQjJrxI8)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works thy hand hath made,

I see the stars; I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee,*

*How great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee,*

*How great thou art, how great thou art!*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,

Sent him to die-I scarce can take it in

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away our sin;

*Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

and take me home-what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration,

and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

*Refrain*

***Stuart K Hine***

**[O Worship the King](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEMMlpoh4mI)**

O worship the King, all glorious above

O gratefully sing HIs wonderful love

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days

Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace

Whose robe is the light and canopy space

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form

And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

O measureless might, ineffable love

While angels delight to worship above

Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

***Robert Grant***

[**Praise and Thanksgiving**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNx8I0Alaug)

Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer,

for all things living thou madest good;

Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard

hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour we bring to serve thee,

that with our neighbour we may be fed.

Sowing or tilling, we would work with thee;

Harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for thy children,

thy wisdom guiding teaches us share

one with another, so that rejoicing

with us, our brother may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing reach every people;

all men confessing thy gracious hand.

Where thy will reigneth no man will hunger;

thy love sustaineth; fruitful the land.

***Albert F Bayly***

**Praise, O Praise**

Praise, O praise our God and King;
Hymns of adoration sing;
*For His mercies still endure
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

Praise Him that He made the sun
Day by day his course to run;

*Refrain*

And the silver moon by night,
Shining with her gentle light;

*Refrain*

Praise Him that He gave the rain
To mature the swelling grain;

*Refrain*

And hath bid the fruitful field
Crops of precious increase yield;

*Refrain*

Praise Him for our harvest store,
He hath filled the garner floor;

*Refrain*

And for richer food than this,
Pledge of everlasting bliss;

*Refrain*

Glory to our bounteous King;
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the Father, Son,
And blest Spirit, Three in One.

***John Milton***

[**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlhdsz-JcR4)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,

Brothers and sisters, draw near,

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do,

Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,

Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee,

Then to thy need

He like a mother doth speed,

Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord, who when tempests their warfare are waging,

Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,

Biddeth them cease,

Turneth their fury to peace,

Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,

Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,

Sheddeth His light,

Chaseth the horrors of night,

Saints with His mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again:

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

***Joachim Neander***

**[Praise with Joy the World’s Creator](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwjkuvtNEfM)**

Praise with joy the world's Creator,

God of justice, love and peace,

Source and end of human knowledge,

Force of greatness without cease.

Celebrate the Maker's glory -

Power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son, who feeds the hungry,

Frees the captive, finds the lost,

Heals the sick, upsets religion,

Fearless both of fate and cost.

Celebrate Christ's constant presence -

Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,

Liberating truth from pride.

Forging bonds where race or gender,

Age or nation dare divide.

Celebrate the Spirit's treasures -

Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,

One God in community,

Calling Christians to embody

Oneness and diversity.

Thus the world shall yet believe, when

Shown Christ's vibrant unity.

***John L Bell and Graham Maule***

[**Satisfied**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXoiGLJDbb0)

God we have taken more than we've given

We are entangled in consumption and greed

Christ in your mercy break our obsession

With hollow possessions

O Lord, set us free

May our hearts be satisfied

Satisfied

Satisfied

May our hearts be satisfied

Fill us with joy and peace

Lord we've neglected your simple provision

Instead we've invested in building up our wealth

So tear down our storehouse

Our walls and our towers

And build us a table

Where all can come feast

May our hearts be satisfied

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Fill us with joy and peace

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***The Porter’s Gate***

**[Sing for God’s Glory](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4koSoT7QcE4)**

Sing for God’s glory that colours

the dawn of creation,

racing across the sky, trailing

bright clouds of elation;

sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,

warming the earth’s exultation.

Sing for God’s power that shatters

the chains that would bind us,

searing the darkness of fear and despair

that could blind us,

touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,

reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God’s justice disturbing

each easy illusion,

tearing down tyrants and putting

our pride to confusion;

lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,

offering freedom’s transfusion.

Sing for God’s saints who have travelled

faith’s journey before us,

who in our weariness give us their hope

to restore us;

in them we see the new creation to be,

spirit of love made flesh for us.

***Kathy Galloway***

[**Sing to God new Songs of Worship**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8bU2hUl9-Y)

Sing to God new songs of worship
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm:
he has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power,
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness:
sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord:
let the hills be joyful together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

***Michael Baughen***

**[So Amazing God](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIVeudCxqSw)**

*He is the world-creating,*

*Always-speaking,*

*Sin-forgiving,*

*People-freeing,*

*Strong and mighty,*

*So amazing God.*

He rescues us from sin

He calls and leads us on

To show how much he loves us

He sent his precious Son…

*Refrain*

So Jesus came to earth

To live and then to die

Though people crucified him

He rose to life on high…

*Refrain*

God sends his Holy Spirit

To be with us each day,

To help us live like Jesus,

And follow in his way…

*Refrain*

***Gill Hutchinson***

[**So Will I (100 Billion X)**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyYn21RdBBQ)

God of creation

There at the start

Before the beginning of time

With no point of reference

You spoke to the dark

And fleshed out the wonder of light

And as You speak

A hundred billion galaxies are born

In the vapour of Your breath the planets form

If the stars were made to worship so will I

I can see Your heart in everything You've made

Every burning star

A signal fire of grace

If creation sings Your praises so will I

God of Your promise

You don't speak in vain

No syllable empty or void

For once You have spoken

All nature and science

Follow the sound of Your voice

And as You speak

A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath

Evolving in pursuit of what You said

If it all reveals Your nature so will I

I can see Your heart in everything You say

Every painted sky

A canvas of Your grace

If creation still obeys You so will I

If the stars were made to worship so will I

If the mountains bow in reverence so will I

If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I

For if everything exists to lift You high so will I

If the wind goes where You send it so will I

If the rocks cry out in silence so will I

If the sum of all our praises still falls shy

Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times

God of salvation

You chased down my heart

Through all of my failure and pride

On a hill You created

The light of the world

Abandoned in darkness to die

And as You speak

A hundred billion failures disappear

Where You lost Your life so I could find it here

If You left the grave behind You so will I

I can see Your heart in everything You've done

Every part designed in a work of art called love

If You gladly chose surrender so will I

I can see Your heart

Eight billion different ways

Every precious one

A child You died to save

If You gave Your life to love them so will I

Like You would again a hundred billion times

But what measure could amount to Your desire

You're the One who never leaves the one behind

***Hillsong***

**[The Earth is Yours](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4EPnM62O8A)**

Your voice it thunders
The oaks start twisting
The forest sounds with cedars breaking
The waters see You and start their writhing
From the depths a song is rising
Now it’s rising from the ground

Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy Lord the earth is Yours and singing
Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy Lord
The earth is Yours
The earth is Yours

Your voice it thunders
The ground is shaking
The might mountains now are trembling
Creation sees You
And starts composing
The fields and trees they start rejoicing.
Now it’s rising from the ground

Now it’s rising from the ground
It’s rising from the ground
Hear us crying out
Hear us crying out

***Gungor***

**[The God who Set the Stars in Space](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8vEtjZiTa4)**

The God who set the stars in space

and gave the planets birth

created for our dwelling-place

a green and fruitful earth;

a world with wealth and beauty crowned

of sky and sea and land,

where life should flourish and abound

beneath its Maker’s hand.

A world of order and delight

God gave for us to tend,

to hold as precious in his sight,

to nurture and defend;

but yet on ocean, earth and air

the marks of sin are seen,

with all that God created fair

polluted and unclean.

O God, by whose redeeming grace

the lost may be restored,

who stooped to save our fallen race

in Christ, creation’s Lord,

through him whose cross is life and peace

to cleanse a heart defiled,

may human greed and conflict cease

and all be reconciled.

Our God, who set the stars in space

and gave the planets birth,

look down from heaven,

your dwelling place,

and heal the wounds of earth;

till pain, decay and bondage done,

when death itself has died,

creation’s songs shall rise as one

and God be glorified!

***Timothy Dudley-Smith***

[**The Kingdom is Coming**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4I4PsII-Lbk)

The kingdom is coming!

We are praying for it

The kingdom is coming!

We are waiting for it

The kingdom is coming!

We are working for it

The kingdom is coming!

All creation groans, groans

The fire in the sky, we watch it burn

 The waters that keep rising up, the floods that come

Put your hope in the Lord!

Put your hope in the Lord!

He will lead us on the way

The kingdom is coming!

We are praying for it

The kingdom is coming!

We are waiting for it

The kingdom is coming!

We are working for it

The kingdom is coming!

All creation groans, groans

So you nations, all you judges, all you kings

Come and join the work, He's restoring all things

Put your hope in the Lord!

Put your hope in the Lord!

He will lead us on the way

The kingdom is coming!

We are praying for it

The kingdom is coming!

We are waiting for it

The kingdom is coming!

We are working for it

The kingdom is coming!

All creation groans, groans

We are praying for it

We are waiting for it

We are working for it, woah

The kingdom is coming, we are praying for it

The kingdom is coming, we are waiting for it

The kingdom is coming, we are waiting for it

The kingdom is coming, woah

The kingdom is coming, we are praying for it

The kingdom is coming

***The Porter’s Gate***

**[The Promise](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBriCYSTcB4)**

This gift you gave from the beginning

Warm light, dry land, blue water brimming

And more, from the earth there came a growing

From seed to bloom, all the while you were sowing

It was love, love given in the water

And peace, God's peace written in the letters

Of the earth, God's earth, given with a promise

Can we keep it

Can we keep it

And stars in the night to gaze on them kindly

Great light, cool moon, all aligned in the sky, see

From water came life and so from the land

To feed, not to fight, to stand hand in hand

It was love, love given in the water

And peace, God's peace, given in the sunshine

And the earth, God's earth, given with a promise

Can we keep it

 Out from the silence I hear a voice, I follow it onwards

You whisper to me, I am reminded of every gift you gave

So, spirit lead me unto the waters, unto the earth you made

Teach me the secret to ever care for, to look after it

It was love, love given in the water

And peace, God's peace written in the letters

Of the earth, God's earth, given with a promise

Can we keep it

Can we keep it

***The Porter’s Gate***

[**The Splendour of the King**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVedvvIXcwk)

The splendour of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,

All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,

And trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end,

Beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,

The Lion and the Lamb.

 Name above all names,
 Worthy of all praise;
 My heart will sing:
 How great is our God.
 *(Repeat)*

***Chris Tomlin***

[**Think of a World without any Flowers**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsoC1lhBAdE)

Think of a world without any flowers
Think of a world without any trees,
Think of a sky without any sunshine,
Think of the air without any breeze.

We thank You, Lord,
for flowers and trees and sunshine,
We thank You, Lord,
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any animals,
Think of a field without any herd,
Think of a stream without any fishes,
Think of a dawn without any bird.

We thank You, Lord,
for all Your living creatures,
We thank You, Lord
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,
Think of a street with no-one living there,
Think of a town without any houses,
No-one to love and nobody to care.

We thank You, Lord

for families and friendships,

We thank You, Lord,

and praise Your holy name.

***Doreen Newport, Stainer & Bell***

[**This is my Father’s World**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byIpfEVxhs4)

This is my Father’s world,

and to my listening ears
All nature sings,

and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world:

I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,

the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,

declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world:

He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world.

O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world:

the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav’n be one.

This is my Father’s world, dreaming,

I see His face.
I open my eyes, and in glad surprise cry,

“The Lord is in this place.”
This is my Father’s world,

from the shining courts above,
The Beloved One, His Only Son,
Came—a pledge of deathless love.

This is my Father’s world,

should my heart be ever sad?
The lord is King—let the heavens ring.

God reigns—let the earth be glad.
This is my Father’s world.

Now closer to Heaven bound,
For dear to God is the earth Christ trod.
No place but is holy ground.

***Maltbie D Babcock***

**[Thou Whose Almighty Word](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=si9dqNn4enI)**

Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight,
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring,
On Thy redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
Oh, now to all mankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of Truth and Love,
Lifegiving, holy Dove,
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Thro' the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!

***John Marriott***

[**To Thee, O Lord, Our Hearts we Raise**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P7StHkaLAM)

To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
In hymns of adoration,
To Thee bring sacrifice of praise
With shouts of exultation.
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
The hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn
That even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,
Thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon Thine altar, Lord, we lay
The first fruits of Thy blessing.
By Thee all human souls are led
With gifts of grace supernal;
Thou, who gives us our daily bread,
Give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day,
And often toil seems dreary;
But labour ends with sunset ray,
And rest comes for the weary.
May we, the angel reaping o’er,
Stand at the last accepted,
Christ’s golden sheaves, forevermore
To garners bright elected.

O blessed is that land of God
Where saints abide forever,
Where golden fields spread fair and broad,
Where flows the crystal river.
The strains of all its holy throng
With ours today are blending;
Thrice blessed is that harvest song
Which never hath an ending.

***William C. Dix***

**[Touch the Earth Lightly](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcwyMmf3q0g)**

Touch the earth lightly

use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

***Shirley E Murray***

[**Water to Wine**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rxhdnFL72M)

Consider now the hawks that fly

Above the hills, beneath the sky

Whose wisdom rings from overhead

The earth below is daily bread

Consider now the miracle

Of rain that falls into the soil

And swells the grape upon the vine

It's always been water to wine

Imagine every buried seed

Enshrouded in the furrows deep

That breaks itself apart to rise

And lift the ground up to the skies

Imagine heaven reaching down

A gift poured out from heavy clouds

Restoring all our withered vines

It's always been water to wine

Water to wine

Water to wine

Water to wine

Remember Christ the living bread

The seed grown high and harvested

Who gathers us into the feast

Gleaning every fallen seed

Remember earth will bloom again

And Christ will be our living spring

The fountain welling up inside

It's always been water to wine

Water to wine

Water to wine

Water to wine

Water to wine

Water to wine

Water to wine

***The Porter’s Gate***

**[We Are the Tenants of the King](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKoeCe57_j4)**

We are the tenants of the King,

we are the workers in his garden,

so we will live and love and care

for this the planet that we share.

We bear the image of our God

and we are sharing in his mission,

so we will follow as we serve,

to see the healing of the Earth.

As we wait for the dawning of the day

when the King is coming,

we will live for his glory

and his praise.

For in the victory of the cross

we have a hope of restoration,

all things together under Christ,

a world of flourishing and life.

So fill us up and lead us on

to see the coming of your kingdom,

and we will labour as we sing

for we’re the tenants of the King.

***Joel Payne***

[**We Plough the Fields and Scatter**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha628Pj_Rns)

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

*Refrain*

***Matthias Claudius***

**[When God Made the Garden of Creation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiTAU6fKx3w)**

When God made the garden of creation,
he filled it full of his love;
when God made the garden of creation,
he saw that is was good.
There’s room for you, and room for me,
and room for ev’ryone:
for God is a Father who loves his children,
and gives them a place in the sun.
When God made the garden of creation,
he filled it full of his love.

When God made the hamper of creation,
he filled it full of his love;
when God made the hamper of creation,
he saw that is was good.
There’s food for you, and food for me,
and food for ev’ryone:
but often we’re greedy, and waste God’s bounty,
so some don’t get any at all.
When God made the hamper of creation,
he filled it full of his love.

When God made the fam’ly of creation,
he made it out of his love;
when God made the fam’ly of creation,
he saw that is was good.
There’s love for you, and love for me,
and love for ev’ryone:
but sometimes we’re selfish, ignore our neighbours,
and seek our own place in the sun.
When God made the fam’ly of creation,
he made it out of his love.

When God made the garden of creation,
he filled it full of his love;
when God made the garden of creation,
he saw that is was good.
There’s room for you, and room for me,
and room for ev’ryone:
for God is a Father who loves his children,
and gives them a place in the sun.
When God made the garden of creation,
he filled it full of his love.

***Paul Booth***

**When you Spoke and Shaped Creation**

When you spoke and shaped creation

you designed it to be good:

galaxies and ecosystems

functioned as you said they should.

By your living Word of power

you sustain the cosmos, still:

God of splendour, how we marvel

at your vast creative skill.

But the people you appointed

to the care of what you made

disregarded your instruction,

spurned the truth, and disobeyed;

and we all, by our behaviour,

frequently endorse that choice –

God of grace, we need your pardon

 for our deafness to your voice.

When the future seems so threatened

by the evils of our race;

when pollution, war and famine

are the issues we must face;

when in our lives your reflection

is distorted, blurred or cracked,

 God of wholeness, may your wisdom

be a light our hearts refract.

Teach us then, to treat creation

with attention and respect,

not to scorn its rich resources

by abuse or cool neglect:

you who formed this planet’s beauty

lent its wealth for all to share:

 God of hope, let us be signals

 of your rule and of your care.

***Martin Leckebusch***

**[Where are You in the Storm](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzmB9xW2cT0)**

Where are you, in the storm,

in the chaos can you hear

our desperate call?

Water rising, are you sleeping:

are you Lord after all?

Where are you, in the rain?

Earth is crying

for an end to all its pain.

We are sinking, heaven weeping:

will we see light again?

In the storm, you’re the anchor,

you are our hope, you are the shield.

Every rainbow a promise:

you love this world,

all of creation will be healed.

O speak your mighty word;

raging waters will bow down

before their Lord.

Peace commanding, promise keeping:

of a planet restored.

***Sam Hargreaves***

[**Where Were You?**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEj9Zu5vfco)

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations

Morning stars, they sang together

All the children of the heavens shouted for joy

Where were you

Where were you when I gave the sea it limits

When I made the clouds it garments

When I wrapped it up in darkness, shut behind doors

Where were you

Tell me, where were you when the waters split in two

When the world was new

When I sent the morning dew, Show me, where were you

Do you know the extent of all horizons

The expanse of all the oceans

Have you walked these depths and edges, mountains and shores

Do you know how I lead the constellations

In the rhythm of the seasons

And did you set free Orion to shine in the void

Do you know

Tell me, do you know how the light knows where to go

Where the winds will blow

Where the darkness makes its home? Surely, you must know

I don't know. But In the whirlwind of my weakness

O my God I hear you speaking

And when I think of all your secrets, I shake and rejoice

***The Porter’s Gate***

**[Who is There Like You](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mso61HoEthY)**

Who is there like You

And who else would give their life for me

Even suffering, in my place

And who could repay You

All of creation looks to You

And You provide for, all You have made

*So I’m lifting up my hands*

*Lifting up my voice*

*Lifting up Your name*

*And in Your grace I rest*

*For Your love has come to me*

*And set me free*

*And I’m trusting in Your word*

*Trusting in Your cross*

*Trusting in Your blood*

*And all Your faithfulness*

*For Your power at work in me*

*Is changing me*

***Stuart Townend***

[**Why are you Downcast (Be still my Soul)**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpFwpCZquDg)

Why are you downcast, O my soul,

so full of fear where once was hope?

Remember God still loves the world:

be still, my soul.

Beneath the shadow of each storm,

in all the sorrow and despair,

Remember God still loves the world:

be still, my soul.

Be still, my soul,

trust in your God,

his perfect ways,

his endless love.

Be still and know

he reigns above the earth.

Be still, my soul,

be still, my soul.

In all your striving, find his peace,

become a shining light of grace

and show that God still loves the world:

be still, my soul.

***Marcus Pagnam***

**With Every Creature Sing**

Let all of us with every creature sing,

praise to our God!

Above us in the air

may we all be aware

of birds and bees in flight,

whether by day or night.

Sing with one voice to celebrate the life

of creatures all!

Let all of us with every creature sing,

praise to our God!

Across the tamed terrain

farmed now for stock and grain;

may woodland also thrive

and wildlife too survive.

Sing with one voice lest any be extinct,

protect them all!

Let all of us with every creature sing,

praise to our God!

Over the oceans wide

with rise and fall of tide

may all the plankton bloom

for fishes to consume.

Sing with one voice to celebrate the life

of creatures all!

Let all of us with every creature sing,

praise to our God!

There deep within the earth,

in darkness comes new birth,

beneath the tread of boots

among the worms and roots.

Sing with one voice lest any be extinct,

protect them all!

Let all of us with every creature sing,

praise to our God!

May we now play our part,

together taking heart;

remembering all God gave,

all creatures here to save.

Sing with one voice to celebrate the life

of creatures all!

***Words: Lisle Ryder***

***Tune: Luckington***

[**You’re the Word of God the Father**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atxCPCHz5Oc)

You’re the word of God the Father,

From before the world began;

Every star and every planet

Has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together

By the power of Your voice:

Let the skies declare Your glory,

Let the land and seas rejoice!

You’re the Author of creation,

You’re the Lord of every man;

And Your cry of love rings out

Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels,

Came to seek and save the lost,

And exchanged the joy of heaven

For the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,

With a word You stilled the sea.

Yet how silently You suffered

That the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,

Wresting victory from the grave,

And ascended into heaven

Leading captives in Your wake.

Now You stand before the Father

Interceding for Your own.

From each tribe and tongue and nation

You are leading sinners home.

***Stuart Townend & Keith Getty***

**Your Majesty is Splendid, Lord**

Your majesty is splendid, Lord,

surpassing all that you have made –

a hallmark and a signature,

throughout the universe displayed.

To children you reveal delights

unseen by jaded adult eyes –

how eagerly they sound your praise,

enthralled by every new surprise.

And when we pause to contemplate

the vastness of the galaxy,

in hushed amazement we recall

how you enfold us constantly.

For we enjoy an honoured place,

confirming our eternal worth:

exalted over birds and beasts,

and charged to care for all the earth.

A hallmark and a signature

throughout the universe displayed –

your majesty is splendid, Lord,

surpassing all that you have made.

***Martin Leckebusch (To tune of church triumphant hymns old and new 301)***