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Here in This Place



- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa ter; here we will take the
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van - ished 'a - way; see in this space yearn for your face. We have been sung to bread of new birth. Here you shall call light years a - way: here in this place

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings We have been sung through-out all of his - tory, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



the light brought here to you of this day. called the whole hu - man race. light to to be call a - new to be salt for the earth. us now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er in, in, the us the rich and the haugh-ty; Gath-er us in, gath-er in. the Give us the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to drink the to eat Gath-er and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er and us in in us



blind and the lame; proud and the strong; bread that is you; make us your own; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

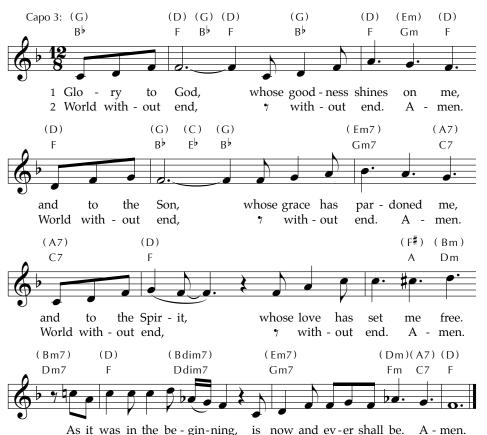


shall a - rise at the sound of our name. we us the cour-age to ter the give en song. lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



623 I've Got Peace like a River



In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, C709 MUSIC: Genevan Psaller, L1331

"Or "God"

OLD HUNDREDTH

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.