

## HYMN TEXTS - MAY 8, 2022

### FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder 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*

3 for the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

4 For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love: *Refrain*

5 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*

6 For Thyself, best Gift Divine! to our world so freely given;  
for the great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: *Refrain*

## WOULD YOU BLESS OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES

1 Would You bless our homes and families,  
source of life who calls us here;  
in our world of stress and tension  
teach us love that conquers fear.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles,  
love's expressed many ways.

2 When our way is undemanding,  
let us use the time that's ours  
to delight in simple pleasures,  
sharing joys in gentle hours.  
When our way is anxious walking  
and a heavy path we plod,  
teach us trust in one another  
and in You, our gracious God.

3 From the homes in which we're nurtured,  
with the love that shapes us there,  
teach us, God, to claim as family  
everyone whose life we share.  
And through also that life may offer,  
may we in Your love remain;  
may the love we share in families  
be alive to praise Your name.

4 Let us reach beyond the boundaries  
of our daily thought and care  
'til the family You have chosen  
spills its love out everywhere.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles,  
love's expressed in many ways.

## **LIKE A MOTHER WITH HER CHILDREN**

1 Like a mother with her children  
You will comfort us each day,  
giving guidance on our journey,  
as we seek to find our way.  
When we walk through fiery trials,  
You will help us take a stand;  
when we pass through troubled waters,  
You hold out Your tender hand.

2 In Your image You have made us,  
calling each of us by name,  
giving strength for every challenge  
as our gifts we fully claim.  
We can hear You gently saying,  
“Do not worry, do not fear;  
for I’ll always go beside you;  
every moment I am near.”

3 With Your vision You inspire us,  
giving each a holy call;  
we will open doors of freedom  
by Your power in us all.  
Life abundant spreads before us  
as with eagle’s wings we soar;  
joining in Your new creation,  
we rejoice forever more.

## **HE KEEPS ME SINGING**

1 There’s within my heart a melody; Jesus whispers sweet and low,  
“Fear not, I am with you, peace, be still,” in all of life’s ebb and flow.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,  
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.