

Gather Us In

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Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and foresaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a myst'ry we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meak and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Isaiah 43: 1-7

¹ But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! ² "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. ³ "For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. ⁴ "Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵ "Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, And gather you from the west. ⁶ "I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth, ⁷ Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made."

How Firm a Foundation

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How firm a foundation Ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith In His excellent word,
What more can He say Than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge To Jesus have fled.

Fear not I am with Thee O be not dismayed,
For I am Thy God And will still give Thee aid,
I'll strengthen and help Thee And cause Thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call Thee to go,
The rivers of woe Shall not Thee overflow,
For I will be with Thee Thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to Thee Thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials Thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient Shall be Thy supply,
The flame shall not hurt Thee I only design,
Thy dross to consume And Thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus Still leans for repose,
I will not I will not Desert to its foes,
That soul though all hell Should endeavor to shake,
I'll never no never No never forsake.