



SEASON OF CREATION

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A wee collection of new songs for
recycled hymn tunes

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May every family throughout God's Earth

(Genesis 12, 1 Kings 4, Matthew 6)
Glasgow: CM

1) May every family throughout God's Earth
Be blessed as we praise God:
the birds of heaven, the forests' kin
the beauteous, familiar and odd!

2) When meeting grant us wisdom, such
as Sol'mon gained as king:

how trees, fish, birds and bees and more
are honoured as we sing!

3) And beauty, more than kings command
Earth's families wild and frail;
By Christ both scolded and extolled
the wind, the waves, prevail.

4) By kinship, heritage, and bonds of care
are families defined.
Diverse, mysterious, interlaced
in praise to God combined.

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The sower sows and knows the birds

LM - Truro or Melcombe [CH4 214]

The sower sows and knows the birds
who eat some seeds will also help;
The reaper reaps yet leaves behind
sustaining remnants from their work.

The cup that overflows, sets free
the miser's worry for each drop;
the monarch, delegating power
lives longer, safer, happier too!

The cost of wealth destroys the poor.
The power of burning scars the heavens.
Where sparrows fall, trees needless' felled,
Earth cries to God and lashes out.

Each day we make a choice or more:
The signs of Heaven, there to guide:
Sufficiency with joy permits
decisive change, for Kingdom's near.

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God of Freedom, Greening

11 12 12 10 Nicea [CH4 111]

1) God of Freedom Greening:
dancing rejoicing
everywhere grim empire's power
is washed into the sea:
tides assert vitality,
vulnerable, mortality
while still the birds cry:
Freedom-greening God!

2) God of Freedom Greening
we choose to love you
and deep in our love commit
to care for whom you love:
All created goodness
All in need of healing
Web of life's justice
Freedom-greening God!

The burden [*cf matt 10:16]

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1) Our leaders, God-given need prayer and support
The long view, of selflessness, Creation's court
will hold to account every misuse of powers
God granted to nourish God's Earth as rain showers.

2) Bucks pass and they stop, when we need folk to serve
to count on support and the trust they deserve
to grasp the green nettle, to warn in love's way
and not to postpone what is urgent today.

3) Though Christ be our leader, we know he sends out
diverse folk with stories and lives full of doubt
along with the faithful, and barely awake:
discipleship needs both the dove and the snake!*

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'Resilience'

LM 8888- e.g. 'Church Triumphant'
cf Acts 4:36 " Barnabus, the 'Son of Encouragement'

1) Be offspring of encouragement
for hope's the gift that will sustain
when flood and drought and wind exceed
the expectations we maintain.

2)The truth in love may silence friends
though friendship now to those extends
whose habitats and homelands shake
we read the signs, for Jesus' sake!

3)And though we may not 'fix the world'
Our life's worthwhile and joy sustains.
Though well-informed we're standing firm
For God's with us, so hope remains.