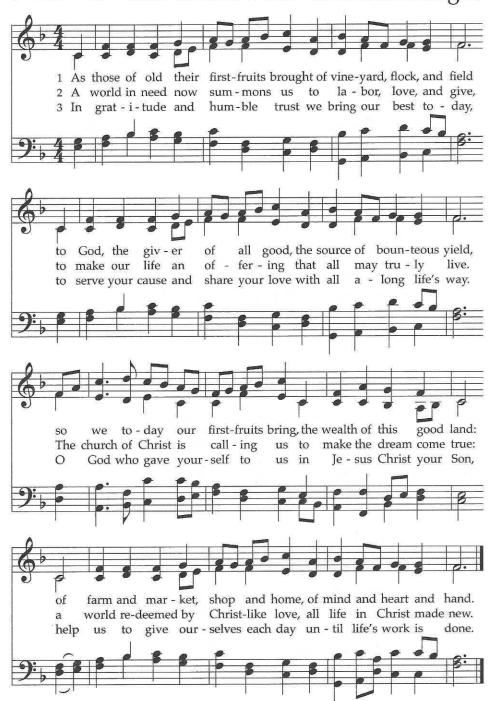


In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought



This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

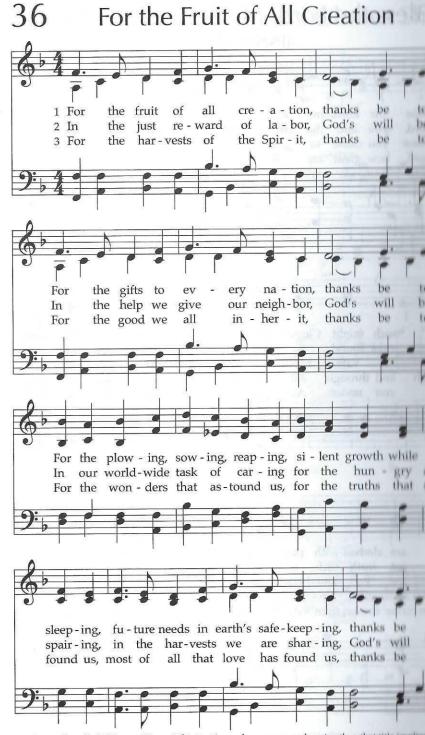


An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the attended "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then devices the Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.



Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."