

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home

All is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-
 wheat and tares to-gether sown, un-to joy or sor-row
 from each field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-
 Gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin

God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear
 give the an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to
 there for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy pres-ence to a-pear

Come to God's own tem-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in God's gar-ner ev-er
 come, with all thine an-gels, come; raise the glo-rious har-vest home

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest time of Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the organist where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

We Fall Down

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We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Je-
 sus: the great-ness of mer-cy and love, at the feet

of Je-sus. And we cry ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-
 ly. And we cry ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly. And we cry

ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lamb.

This praise song, is based on the imagery of Revelation 4:8-11, which draws on Isaiah 6:3. This scene of holy worship is also part of well-known hymns such as "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (stanza 2) and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (no. 366, stanza 4).

13 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) B \flat (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Fm)
 Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly
 2 We who en - dan - get, who cre - ate hun - der - ed
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Bsus) (F)
 E \flat F \flat B \flat Cm7 Fsus

nour - ish the life of the world in our care;
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Fm)
 B \flat Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (F)
 E \flat B \flat Gm Cm7 F B \flat

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us

714 God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Further awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

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

17 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your meet
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him

or south, but one great fel - low
 mu - nion his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

of love through - out the whole wide earth
 ship gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind
 liv - ing in God are sure - ly kin to me
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth

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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low
 high com - mu - nion his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind
 liv - ing in God are sure - ly kin to me
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth

This setting formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century. It has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.