

BORN OF WATER, BORN OF SPIRIT

Jesus answered (Nicodemus), "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." John 3:5 NRSV

Born of water, born of Spirit

we come seeking life anew.

"From above? In this strange fashion

to be born once more through You?"

Stumbling in the dark we've sought You,

fearful of the light of day;

puzzling at Your saving answer,

help us lest we turn away.

Then, like wind's mysterious blowing

come, rush in with strength from You.

Come, like water flowing into

thirsting souls baptized in You.

Born of Spirit-- hope for heaven.

Born of water-- serve the poor.

Formed of both, we are created

to build up and to restore.

Born of water, born of Spirit
give your Church a second birth
from above, both Dove and water
shape your Body here on earth.

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