

## **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.

Words:

*Scripture: John 3:1-15 NRSV*

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Thus reborn and recreated  
give us life apart from time  
while we serve earth's poor and wretched,  
holding onto hope sublime.

This new life that you would give us  
does not simply wait above,  
but through strength which You provide us  
here, we serve your Church in love.

For your life surpasses knowing      *Bringing life surpassing knowing,*  
change our past by shaking, blowing      *Call to Deeds of love and caring showing.*  
Until we are born in love      *Here we stand in awe of You in line with you*  
Born through You as from above.      *Here we stand in awe of you.*

Patient with our every question      answer  
Off'ring puzzling, deep suggestions      hope and risk suggestions    challenging\*\*\*\*\*  
That will bring a brand new day.  
For it's You through whom we pray.

Till the Spirit's life is teeming      growing  
In the hearts of those receiving      Seeds of  
So the Spirit works within  
Watch the Spirit work within.\*\*\*\*\*

So surprise us with your Presence Till we give our greatest presents

Heart and hands reach out in love Honor You O Source of love.

In the twists and turns of life. Bring us hope: eternal life.

*So that all are sought and wooed. On the earth's dry hardened ground So that all are sought and wooed.*