

All People Shall See It

“Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” Isaiah 40:5 NRSV

All people shall see it, when those of right spirit
act justly and kindly to friend and to all.

For God’s word proclaims it, and hope will sustain it;
The Word who is coming will issue that call.

When we treat each other, as sister and brother,
God’s reign will break in and all lands shall be healed.

God’s vast congregation, each race and each nation,
shall sing when the glory of God is revealed.

At Christ’s incarnation we join celebrations,
rejoicing with wonder at God’s love for all.

While peace songs are sounding from angels surrounding,
the Virgin’s new boy-child will sleep in a stall.

In Bethlehem’s stable God chose to enable
a long-promised baby to bring saving power.

The roles are inverted, as grace is asserted;
the last become leaders; God’s kingdom will flower.

He asks us for caring and kind, selfless sharing
so poor ones and wealthy may feel they belong.
When none are excluded then all are included
in joyously singing the angel's new song.
Together, God's people shall see splendid glory,
the prophets' great vision will then come to be.
For Christ now unites us, His Spirit invites us
to live in the wonder of God's Jubilee.

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