

Hymns11.3.5 AT PEACE WITH ALL CREATION

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world those who live in it.” Psalm 24:1 NRSV

At peace with all creation, you bid us live O Lord,
enjoying nature’s bounty-- rich gifts that You afford.
As we increase in numbers, teach us to take great care,
so everyone who follows will have enough to share.

The stillness of a snowfall, the thunderous, driving rain,
clear springs of sparkling water, the winds across the plain,
the mighty tree and forest, the tiny honey bees,
will be there for our children, if we now care for these.

Lord, Owner of this planet, a wondrous, sacred place,
we honor You by living as stewards of Your space.
Lead us to tread so lightly that nature is less scarred
until the new creation restores the earth, unmarred.

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