



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



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blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

- 1 Look who gathers at Christ's table!
 Hear the stories that they bring.
 Some are weeping; some are laughing;
 some have songs they want to sing.
 Others ask why they're invited,
 burdened by the wrong they've done.
 Christ insists they all are welcome.
 There is room for ev'ryone.

- 2 Clouds of light surround the table;
 ancient followers appear,
 saints confessing how they wrestled
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
 Peter tells of his denying
 Christ was ever in his sight;
 Paul relates his fruitless efforts
 to obliterate the light.

- 3 Their sad stories are repeated
 in a thousand different ways,
 but they share one thing in common:
 they all end in thanks and praise
 for the host who has invited
 north and south and east and west
 to converge around this table,
 where all life is fed and blest.

- 4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
 and prepare to be surprised
 by the host whose hands are wounded,
 who will open wide your eyes
 when he blesses bread and breaks it—
 truth and manna from above!—
 and then passes wine that wakens
 in your heart the taste of love.

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