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Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

A new heart I will give you
and a new spirit
I will put within you

Trusting you to reveal your motion of creation

Reflection — O Love

David Long-Higgins

O Love, grant me
Your Advent grace
To notice in love
Every attachment
Occupying my mind
And hardening my heart.

Let everything be held
Lightly in love
Trusting You to reveal
Your motion of creation
Persistent and perpetual
Softening every hard thing.

If there be ego,
Let it be humbled
Into soul-stretched service
Attending to others
Answering Your invitation
To become fully alive.

May Your generous grace
Form a suppleness of Spirit
In me and in the world
That answers every temptation
To an easy hardness of heart.

Yes, Love,
Take me from comfort
To compassionate care
Born of Bethlehem's bounty
Poured by You into creation
At a most unexpected time
Reframing every place and time
Into a sign of Your cosmic coming.