

This is God's Wondrous World

This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world. God shines in all that's fair,
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad.

When Jesus Comes to be Baptized

When Jesus comes to be baptized,
He leaves the hidden years behind,
The years of safety and of peace.
To bear the sins of all humankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
Anoints the Christ to suffering,
To preach the word, to free the bound,
And to the mourner, comfort bring.

We praise you, God, source of all life,
We praise you, Christ, eternal Word,
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;
Your triune presence fills our world.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Down in the River to Pray

**As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way**

O sisters let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray. **Refrain**

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray. **Refrain**

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Refrain

O mothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O mothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray.

Refrain

O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners let's go down
Down in the river to pray. **Refrain**