

Affirmation of Faith

***We believe in a world full of God
Where light drips with the weight of heaven
And love prepares in eager anticipation
For the outcome of every moment
We live in the company of grace and love***

Women: We believe in a world full of God
Where a child who leaves,
finds their way home
To a waiting, anticipating, impatient parent
Ready with a promise and ready with feast
We live in the company of grace and love

Men: We believe in a world full of God
Where a child who remains behind,
discovers their way home
To an open, accepting, grace-filled place
And a banquet fit for heaven
We live in the company of grace and love

Women: We believe in a world full of God
Where bread becomes a feast
And wine an ever-flowing covenant
And a table a celebration with the lost
We live in the company of grace and love

Men: We believe in a world full of God
Where every pain fractures bread
Every cry spills wine
And every table is a place God waits
We live in the company of grace and love

***We believe in a world full of God
Where we, the lost of the world
Can turn and make our way home
Where God anticipates our return
Into arms that are outstretched
Round a table that is beckoning
And towards a feast
that is prepared for the world
We live in the company of grace and love***

Roddy Hamilton



There is a place
shaped for the lost
a place that knows your name
and calls you home
Love's homecoming place

There is a place
shaped for the estranged
a place that reaches out
and welcomes you home
Love's homecoming place

There is a place
shaped for the lonely
a place that meets you
and knows your need
Love's homecoming place

There is a place
shaped for the refugee
a place that is empty without you
and knows your worth
Love's homecoming place

There is a place
shaped for the broken
a place that knows your brokenness
and promises healing
Love's homecoming place

There is a place
shaped for you who have never left
a place that waits
and longs for each return

**This is God's place and God's time
All are welcome here
Let us come home to Love.**

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Be Our Light
Be the light that shrouds the twilight
Be the might that holds our fears
Be the home that yearns our dwelling
Be the stone that takes our tears

*Christ be our light
Whom shall we fear?
Deep in the night
Spirit, draw near*

Be the cry that whispers mercy
Be the seeker when we hide
Be the taker and the giver
Be the pathway and the guide

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Be the sacrifice that breaks us
Be the shelter in the flood
Be the promise that remakes us
Be the parent who is good

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You'd never end the story
by turning us away,
so why do we live as if we could do
something that will stop you loving us?

You'd never end the story
giving up waiting for us,
so why do we live in fear
of wearing out your patience?

You'd never end the story
with a litany of our sins,
so why do we live as though
you see us only with eyes of judgement?

You'd never end the story
giving us one last warning,
so why do we live in fear
that your goodwill will run out?

You'd never end the story not recognising us,
so why do we live thinking
you don't know the shape of our souls?

You'd never end the story
with outpourings of anger,
so why do we live in fear
of incurring your wrath?

You'd never end the story
making us repay all we've taken,
so why do we live as though
we owe you for loving us?

You'd never end the story
by taking us back as servants,
so why do we live as though
there are limits on your grace?

You'd never end the story
slamming a door in our face,
so why do we live in fear of your rejection?

You'd never end the story
with anything but love,
so why do we live as though
our story might end with anything but love?

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