

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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from a song in his oratorio Judith

Unison

Dear Lord and fa - ther of man-kind, For - give our foo - lish ways! Re -

clothe us in our right - ful mind, In pu - rer lives thy ser - vice find, In

dee - per re - verence praise, In dee - per re - verence praise.

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| <p>2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them without a word
Rise up and follow thee.</p> | <p>3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!</p> |
| <p>4. Drop thy still dew of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.</p> | <p>5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!</p> |