



# Stepping In

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like a wide river  
it never ends  
does not begin  
around the world  
it's always flowing  
and I am stepping in,  
we are stepping in.**

We are praying  
for those in distant places  
different languages and faces  
every hour of the day,  
and we are praying  
with enemies and strangers  
in gratitude, in danger  
calling God's ten thousand names

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We are praying  
with those who've gone before us  
that great ancestral chorus  
we are joining as we sing  
and we are praying  
with heroines and heroes  
Moses, Mary, and Romero  
yes, and Martin Luther King

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## When Jacob Awoke

When Jacob awoke  
with the sky up above  
and his head on a stone, he said,  
"Surely, the HOLY ONE  
is here in this place  
and I just didn't know it  
'til now.  
This is none other  
than the house of God  
and this is the gate of heaven,  
the gate of heaven,  
the gate of heaven.

## I Was So Glad

I was brokenhearted  
I was weary and alone  
thinking no one felt the same  
and scared out on my own

**And I was so glad  
when they said, "Let's go  
to the house of the HOLY ONE."  
O Spirit, gather us in  
gather us into one  
Spirit, gather us into one**

I was cold and hungry  
I was sick and locked in jail  
naked and a stranger  
wondering if God's love had failed

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when they said, "Let's go  
to the house of the HOLY ONE."  
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Trapped inside my privilege  
scared of all that I might lose  
wanting things, yet wanting God  
and not knowing how to choose

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when they said, "Let's go  
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I had so much good news  
of all that God had done  
lifted me up, gave me new life  
had to tell someone

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## We Have Come

We have come  
by way of sorrow  
we have come  
by way of pain  
we have come  
by all your steadfast love  
O revive our souls again

We have come  
to lay our burdens down  
we have come  
to shed our shame  
we have come  
to taste your boundless grace  
and to rise as people changed

We have come  
to spread your ways of peace  
we have come  
to break the chains  
we have come  
to stand with Jesus  
lead us on into your reign  
lead us on into your reign  
lead us on into your reign.

## More Light

More light, more truth  
is breaking from your word  
more light, more truth  
Holy Spirit,  
help us hear what needs to be heard.

## Listening Now

**We're so thankful  
that you are still speaking  
you're still speaking,  
gracious God,  
for the sake of  
the world you are seeking  
we are listening  
listening now.**

O God, your precious word  
has been a lamp unto our feet  
every time we stray  
and still it lights the shadows  
out along our path  
showing us the way

**We're so thankful  
that you are still speaking  
you're still speaking,  
gracious God,  
for the sake of  
the world you are seeking  
we are listening  
listening now.**

Sometimes we hide in fear  
but still you whisper in our ears  
words of grace so fine  
that call us out to justice  
righteousness and peace  
to let our light shine  
let it shine!

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## Then Will Your Light Shine Forth

We talk over brunch on Sunday  
and you tell me it's so odd  
how every week you sing and pray  
and yet you don't feel close to God  
then you yell at the waiter  
working weekend double shifts  
maybe when you see God in him  
the fog will start to lift

**Then will your light shine forth  
then will your light shine forth  
then will your light shine forth  
just like Sunday morning.**

When will you stop pretending  
it's enough to pray for the poor  
and when will you start defending  
the hungry babies at your door  
'cause when you stop  
using that big house just to hide  
and open the door  
to let your family come inside

**Then will your light shine forth  
then will your light shine forth  
then will your light shine forth  
just like Sunday morning.**

Then you will be  
a repairer of the breach  
because you love God  
and you practice what you preach

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then will your light shine forth  
just like Sunday morning.**

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then will your light shine forth  
then will your light shine forth  
just like Sunday morning  
O then will your light shine forth  
just like Sunday morning.**

## As the Moon

As the moon pulls the ocean  
so my soul is drawn to you  
pull me closer as your circle  
I will fall and rise with you  
and rise with you.

As the tide rocks the beaches  
lifting sand as it rolls through  
lift us up into your dancing  
we will rise and dance with you  
and dance with you.

As the sand shapes the shoreline  
sculpting all the lands anew  
we will shape  
the world you're dreaming  
dancing with the rising moon  
the rising moon  
the rising moon  
the rising moon.

## Out of the Depths

Monday morning  
try to drag myself to school again  
Tuesday, same thing  
strap the happy mask on and pretend  
in front of my friends  
Wednesday's worse yet  
I hate the way I look and so does she  
by Friday evening  
I could hurt somebody, even me

**Out of the depths I'm crying  
and God, you'd better be  
hearing me scream -  
Are you sleeping at the switch  
or just not trying  
'cause my life is like  
some twisted dream.  
Won't you send me an angel  
or just someone who cares  
I don't know how much longer  
I can keep coming up for air  
coming up for air.**

In my bedroom  
all the lights off and the music's loud  
one more weekend  
got the brush off  
by the happening crowd  
and aren't they proud.  
I know you're busy  
making sure the universe runs right  
but right about now  
I could use someone to get me  
through the night

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or just someone who cares  
I don't know how much longer  
I can keep coming up for air  
coming up for air.**

I could just end it all  
but who would keep you up at night?  
You're gonna hear me  
even if I have to use this prayer  
to pick a fight.

**Out of the depths I'm crying  
and God, you'd better be  
hearing me scream -  
It's getting so hard to believe  
but still I'm trying  
so don't just make a fool of me.  
Won't you send me an angel  
or just someone who cares  
I don't need easy answers  
I just need to know you're there  
just need you with me everywhere  
I just need to know you're there  
just need you with me everywhere.**

## By the Stream

Blessed are those  
who trust in God  
they will be like a tree  
planted by the water  
planted by the water  
and sending out its roots  
by the stream.

They will not fear  
when the heat comes  
and their leaves will all stay green  
in the year  
of the longest drought  
they will still bear their fruit  
there by the stream  
by the stream.

## Break Over Me

Spirit, Spirit,  
break over me  
break over me  
like the sound of singing.

## Waiting for You

We are waiting for you  
knowing that you always abide  
we are waking to your presence  
and our hearts are open wide  
open wide  
open wide.

## Pour Out Your Spirit Now

From the sacred waters of my birth  
to the sacred waters of this hour  
I have leaned upon you  
who knit me in my mother's womb  
O pour out your Spirit now.

## This Is My Child

"This is my child,  
my beloved,  
my beloved  
with whom I'm well pleased."  
Up from the water  
as like a dove  
the Spirit flutters all around,  
"This is my child  
with whom I'm well pleased."

## Peace Be with You

Peace be with you  
peace be with you  
peace be with you now  
God's peace to you.

Peace behind you  
peace before you  
peace be all around  
in Jesus Christ.



## Jesus Is There

I may not know much,  
but I know this:  
when you have more you should share  
and when we all share what we have  
at God's table, Jesus is there

**Jesus is there  
though they said he was gone  
bringing strength and hope  
so his work can go on  
now, I don't get it all  
but this much is clear  
everybody gets fed  
and the realm of God has come near.**

I may not know much  
but I know this:  
eating with family is great  
and when we meet new family  
there at God's table  
there's love on our plate

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though they said he was gone  
bringing strength and hope  
so his work can go on  
now, I don't get it all  
but this much is clear  
everybody gets fed  
and the realm of God has come near.**

I may not know much,  
but I know this:  
God made the earth and the skies  
and when we give thanks for it all  
at God's table  
it opens our eyes,

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though they said he was gone  
bringing strength and hope  
so his work can go on  
now, I don't get it all  
but this much is clear  
everybody gets fed  
and the realm of God has come near.**

And I see him in you  
in the things that we do  
when we gather around  
it becomes holy ground  
in the joy and the food and the prayer  
somehow, Jesus is there  
Jesus is there  
everybody gets fed  
and the realm of God has come near.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy,  
God of love and justice,  
the whole universe  
and everything beyond it  
every singing bird  
and falling drop of rain  
is ablaze  
with your glory, glory, glory  
O God most wonderful!  
Blessed is the one  
who comes in your name!  
Hosanna! Hosanna!

## Taste and Believe

The time is fulfilled  
taste and believe the good news  
the blessed kin-dom has come near,  
has come near,  
very near to you.

## Every Step of the Way

Help me do the justice  
to be done today  
help me love kindness  
in all I do and say  
help me walk humbly with you  
O God, I pray  
every step of the way  
every step of the way.

## Nunc Dimittis

Now you are releasing your servant  
in peace  
for my eyes have seen  
they have seen the salvation  
you have prepared  
in the sight of all the peoples -

a light to the nations  
and the glory of your people.

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