

Great Heart of Being

Tune: Slane, Traditional Irish

Lyrics by Derek Elkins

**Great Heart of Being, Sustainer of life,
come now, be present in this bread and wine.
Stir faith within us and yield not for sin,
but be our Refuge, or Mother and Friend.**

**What can we long for that you ne'r provide?
Birds in their courses spread praise through the sky!
Lillies, they toil not, and yet do they grow.
Hear, in our questions, desire to know.**

**As on the first morn, you hovered so near,
Breath, Power and Word made Creation appear.
Now, Holy Spirit, restore what's undone.
Aid us to tend to Creation as one.**

**See, Christ, the broken and to them attend.
Here, from the table, `tis us now you send.
Surely, you've called us to go and baptize.
First, feed the hungry and open blind eyes.**

**God, Christ and Spirit, on One do we call.
Gathered to break bread, be near to us all.
Be with us ever, until your return
brings to our vision a morn like the first.**