Hear the praise of all creation, tune: Nettleton (come thou fount of every blessing)

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C G

hear the praise of all creation,

F G C  
hear the song in all you sing,

C G  
hear your voice given expression,

F G C  
shout of joy in everything:

Am F  
Creator God we are your story,

C G C  
all things echo with your voice.

C G  
Earth and water sing your glory;

F G C  
Air and fire in you rejoice!

every flower and tree exalts you,  
towering rock and gentle plain.  
stars and planets all acclaim you,  
each separate voice in one refrain,  
dreams of longing and belonging,  
singing heaven into earth,  
song of love that’s never ceasing  
brings in all your life to birth.

All the voices of the ages  
in transcendent chorus meet,  
worship flowing through the seasons,  
winds that praise, rain’s dancing feet;  
sunshine’s warmth and dark nights passion  
each is held in your embrace,  
harmony of earth and heaven,  
echoes on through time and space

Birds of air and fish of ocean

From the depths to highest cloud

Creatures of each plain and mountain

In their lives your praises sound

Human song and human action

Called to give your love for all

Giving voice to all creation

Blessing all our priestly call.

(Now once again in celebration (verse used at communion)

We come close in bread and wine

Reconciling all creation

Soil and flesh with the divine

Through your blood and body given

You enter in once more to save

The power of death and resurrection

Conquering power over the grave)

All things still in awe and wonder

Touched by your never-ending love

Held in your embrace so tender

We offer you all that we have