

Ecosystem

GIFT OF THE SOLAR FIRE (In praise of light and glass)

Tune: SPECTRUM'S ROBE

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1. Gift of the solar fire,
Life-giving golden rays,
Caressing all Earth's face with warmth
Till hearts are filled with praise.
Without you all is dark,
Without you all is dead,
The colours fade into a void
Which masks life's sacred thread.
2. Rainbows delight our eyes
Clothed in the spectrum's robe,
Unpacking all the artist skills
Within Earth's fragile globe.
With glass we recreate
The wonder of the skies
And through the lens of crystal threads
See life with mystic eyes.
3. Mystery of God in light,
Seen both in joy and pain,
In haunting cross and sparkling seas,
In sunshine and the rain;
Within our complex self
We glimpse a gilded space,
A silence which we share with God,
A chalice filled with grace.
4. Though many hearts embrace
Sexist and racist ways
We seek to live inclusive lives
Of pluralistic praise.
We share our work and wealth,
We treasure Earth's domains,
We honour all within its web
And all its life contains.

Alternative Tune: DIADEMATA

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