



CLOSE to
HOME

original hymns
Written by Rev. Anna Strickland



See Fig Leaves Now Sprouting

ES IST EIN' ROS' 7.6.7.6.6.7.6

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: Geisliche Kirchengasäng (1599)

See fig tree leaves now sprout - ing Soon sum-mer comes
Sun, moon, and stars a - bove us Speak of God's pro -

a - gain Cre - a - tion groans in la - bor For
mised day To make space for our new home This

God's reign to be - gin We wait with ba - ted breath
world must pass a - way When we are filled with dread

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Home-sick for God's true kin - dom Age with-out hate
The words of Christ up-hold us: "A - rise and raise

This system contains the first four measures of the musical score. The piano accompaniment is in the left hand, and the vocal line is in the right hand. The lyrics are: "Home-sick for God's true kin - dom Age with-out hate The words of Christ up-hold us: "A - rise and raise".

or death
your head"

This system contains the final two measures of the musical score. The piano accompaniment is in the left hand, and the vocal line is in the right hand. The lyrics are: "or death your head" with a double bar line at the end.



Zechariah's Lullaby

CRADLE SONG 11.11.11

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1895)

When "And We old you lay Zech child a ri - ah held be called a da - tion for his ba - by pro - phet of what is to

son Christ be He To Not blessed him hope and to dreamed of what hearts and what pray - ing for

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he would be - come light As ba - by John rocked in the
sha - dows the - see For We God has sent vis - ions of
what we can't see We trust in God's i - mag - in -

tem - ple that morn This song Zech - a -
what you will do build A From dream to pro -
a - tion to build From blue - prints and

- ri - ah sang for his new - born -
- claim and a a world dream to yet re - ful -
hope for a a dream yet ful - filled



A Home for All

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1840)

Light the can - dles, deck the halls We are mak - ing room for all
Stack the gifts be neath the tree Hang the lights where all can see
Set the ta - ble for a feast Crys-tal, chi - na, sil - ver gleam

Prac - tice hos - pi - tal - i - ty Give in Chris - tian char - i - ty
Send cards full of Christ-mas cheer To the fam - ily far and near
Once the ban-quet has been blessed Ga-ther 'round in Christ-mas best

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But to cre - ate las - ting change
 But the great - est gift we share
 But Christ's ta - ble has been set

A trans - ac - tion al ex - change
 Is a world that's just and fair
 With the sim - plest meal of bread

Won't make straight our crook - ed ways
 Though it feels so far a - way
 Of - fer - ing a bun - dant grace

Or lift val - leys in - to plains
 We work for God's pro - mised day
 Here all peo - ple have a place

Pro - phets of the ag - es call:
 "We must build a home for all!"



Chosen Home

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular with refrain

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: John Francis Wade (1743)

As Je - sus' fam - ily tra - veled back to Naz - areth
In la - ter years he called his cho - sen fam - ily,
We may not find home where it is ex - pec - ted
May this - be a brave space for all peo - ple

He stayed and claimed a space in - side tem - ple walls
Fish - ers and tax col - lec - tors, - wo - men and men
Some - times we have to leave to be who we are:
Where all are seen and loved a - mong fam - i - ly

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Seek - ing a place where he could show his true self
 Leav - ing his home to eat with saints and sin - ners A
 Whol - ly cre - at - ed in God's ho - ly im - age
 Space to - grow and fol - low in our call - ings

place that tru - ly sees us, a place that loves and frees us, like

ta - bles set by Je - sus is our cho - sen home



Home By Another Way

KINGS OF ORIENT 8.8.4.4.6 with refrain

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: John Henry Hopkins (1857)

Ma - gi from a far - a - way place
Threat - ened by the good news they bring
Plans that change and storms that de - lay

Ra - diant star - light set-ting their pace Ford - ing wa - di,
Her - od plots to kill the new king An - gels warn - ing
Dreams and hopes left in dis - ar - ray Make us trem - ble,

risk - ing bo - dy Seek-ing the king's birth - place
in the mor - ning: "A-void Je - ru - sa - lem"
but re-mem - ber There is a - noth - er way

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O We have trav - eled night and day

Meet - ing God where - e'er we stay Paths are chan - ging,

re - ar - ran - ging As we find a - noth - er way



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