

A Covenant of Grace

O WALY WALY (8.8.8.8)

Traditional English melody
arranged by David Strickland

Lyrics by Anna Strickland

Andante (♩ = c. 86)

D7 Gmaj7 G6 Em7 Am7 D7 Gmaj7

We all come from the dus - ty earth And from the
We all have wounds that no one sees Op - press - ion,
We all need peo - ple who will be With us in
Sur - prised by God's un - bound - ed love From ma - ny

5 Gmaj7(#5) C#m7(b5) Am7 D7sus D7 G/C G

pla - ces of our birth An - ces - tral sto -
trau - ma, and dis - ease When we bear wit -
sol - i - dar - i - ty No ex - pla - na -
walks of life we come To build a cov -

10 Am7 D7 Db7 Cmaj7 Eb7(b9) G Gmaj7 Cmaj7 G

- ries who we'll be We bring it all to come and see
- ness to the pain It can be - gin to heal a - gain
- tion no de - fense Just min - is - try of their pres - ence
e - nant of grace And in our diff'r - enc - es em - brace

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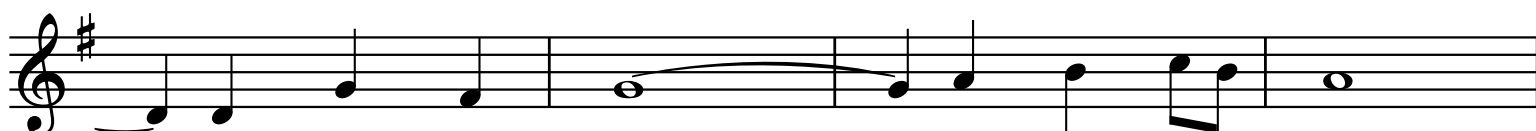
Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: Traditional English melody



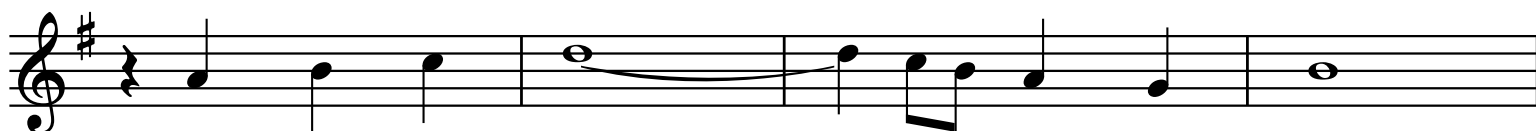
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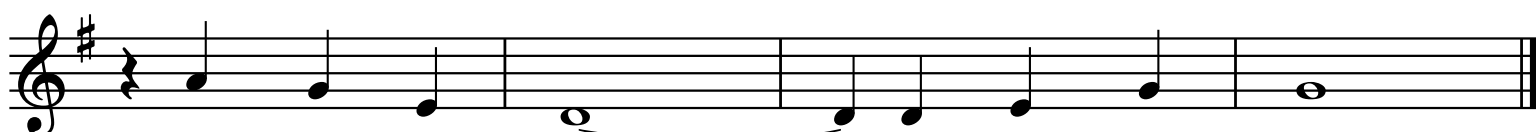
And from the pla - ces of our birth
Op - press - ion, trau - ma, and dis - ease
With us in sol - i - dar - i - ty
From ma - ny walks of life we come

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An - ces - tral sto - ries who we'll be
When we bear wit - ness to the pain
No ex - pla - na - tion, no de - fense
To build a cov - e - nant of grace

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We bring it all to come and see
It can be - gin to heal a - gain
Just min - is - try of their pres - ence
And in our diff'r - enc - es em - brace

A Covenant of Grace (Old Hundredth)

OLD HUNDREDTH (8.8.8.8)

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: Louis Bourgeois (1551)

♩ = 80

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: We all come from the dus - ty earth And from the We all have wounds that no one sees Op - pres - sion, We all need peo - ple who will be love With us in Sur - prised by God's un - bound - ed love From ma - ny

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The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: pla - ces of our birth An - ces - tral sto - ries, who tra - ma, and our dis - ease When we bear wit - ness to sol - i - dar - i - ty No ex - pla - na - tion, no walks of life we come To build a cov - e - nant

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The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: we'll be We bring it all to "come and see" the pain It can be - gin to heal a - gain de - fense grace Just min - is - try of their pre - sence of grace And in our diff - ren - ces em - brace

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Lyrics

We all come from the dusty earth
And from the places of our birth
Ancestral stories, who we'll be
We bring it all to "come and see"

We all have wounds that no one sees
Oppression, trauma, and disease
When we bear witness to the pain
It can begin to heal again

We all need people who will be
with us in solidarity
No explanation, no defense
Just ministry of their presence

Surprised by God's unboundless love
From many walks of life we come
To build a covenant of grace
And in our differences embrace