

# At the Dawn of Your Creation

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

At the dawn of your creation, God, you spoke, "Let there be light!"  
You divided earth from heaven, you created day and night.  
You made sunbeams dance with shadows, you created energy!  
Peaceful evenings, bright tomorrows, all began with "Let there be...!"

By your word, you formed creation: dry land, water, ocean breeze.  
Soon there burst forth vegetation-- plants with fruit, majestic trees.  
Rain and snow and changing seasons, creatures filling land and sea—  
God, your very good creation all began with "Let there be...!"

When you made us as your children, sending us throughout your lands,  
You commanded, "Have dominion-- care for earth; it's in your hands."  
Yet we hurt this world you've given; we harm earth and sky and sea.  
We forget it's your creation— you, who once said "Let there be...!"

**At this solar dedication**, may we hear your word anew:

May we care for your creation, knowing it's a trust from you.  
Just as daily there's a dawning, bringing light to all we see,  
So we daily hear your calling— you, who once said, "Let there be...!"

Genesis 1-2

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