

1. Cathedral of Earth, Sky, and Sea

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Verse 1

There's a living cathedral, no roof but the sky
No floor but the earth and the sea.
There are no walls to guard it for all things belong
All nature and all humanity.
Where clear the wind blows just where it will and it's flowing free
The cathedral of earth, sky and sea.
Earth, sky and sea.

Verse 2

Ev'ry church, mosque and temple belongs to this one
All natural saints come and go
Interwoven together like light or a web
We honor the knowings that we hold
Where no one has need to tell another what to believe
The cathedral of earth, sky and sea.
Earth, sky and sea.

Verse 3

There's a well of all wisdom that nobody owns.,
Dark, generous, true as the night
Feel it deep in the good earth,
the heartbeat of God
Drink joyfully fro the spring of life
We serve that great well that's sunken deep in humanity
The cathedral of earth, sky and sea.
Earth, sky and sea.

Verse 4

There's a living cathedral that pulses with breath
Come, all of creation and sing
Hear the water of rebirth in each lovely thing
All over the world it rings the same
Where each one can see the source of all: a generous seed
The cathedral of earth, sky and sea.
Earth, sky and sea.

2. Turn Me Earth (from Catching Rain CD)

Peter Mayer

Verse 1 Turn me earth to a new sunrise
 Turn me into the light of morning.
Turn me earth when I close my eyes.
 Turn me into the night.
Turn me earth to the blackbird's trill
 Turn me into the light of morn.
Round again to the whippoorwill.
 Turn me into the night.

Refrain: Turn me, turn me,
Turn me into the morning light.
Turn me, turn me
Turn me into the night. **Repeat**

Instrumental

Verse 2 As you're spinning light and dark
 Turn me into the light of morning,
Turn me earth around your star
 Turn me into the night.
Through the seasons we will go
 Turn me into the light of morning,
Summer rain and winter snow.

Refrain: Turn me, turn me,
Turn me into the morning light.
Turn me, turn,
Turn me into the night. **Repeat**

Verse 3 Mother earth, your child I am
 Turn me into the light of morning,
And I was born for this dance
 Turn me into the night.
Round and round the sun we fly.
 Turn me into the light of morn,
Thank you, thank you for this life.
 Turn me into the night.

Refrain: Turn me, turn me,
Turn me into the morning light.
Turn me, turn,
Turn me into the night. **Repeat**
Turn me into the night. Turn me into the night.

3. The Horse and Saint Columba

Christine Valters Paintner / Adapted by Simon DeVoil

Introduction

Verse 1

The horse sees him there, so frail
on his way to vespers.

Verse 2

A clip-clop of hooves,
he goes over to the old man,
nuzzles on his shoulder.

Verse 3

Columba bids him welcome,
rests his head upon the horse,
breathes in the scent of fur and field.

Refrain

My friend, everything must end,
even this love,
everything must end.
They rest a moment there.

Instrumental

Verse 4

The horse knows death is nigh,
hoof scrapes the ground
tears pool and fall like rain.

Refrain

Everything must end, even this love,
everything must end.
They breathe in more deeply now.

Refrain

Yes, everything must end,
even this love.
They rest a moment more.

Instrumental

Verse 5

The monk resumes his day,
cloak soaked with tears
he's on his way to vespers.

Instrumental

4. May the Sacred Earth
Betsey Beckman

May the sacred earth embrace you.
May the sky help you fly.
May the water bless and refresh you.
May the fire of love ever guide you.

5. Mother Earth
Betsey Beckman

Mother Earth, birth and death,
come and hold me in your arms.
Mother Earth, life and breath
come and hold me in your arms.

Cradle me, circle me
holding me in your mystery.
Challenge me, strengthen me,
holding me in your heart.

6. O Sun
Peter Mayer

Verse 1

You are the sun. / I am the dew.
Gifted with life for a moment or two.
And I for my time will sparkle and shine.
O Sun, come fill me with you.
O Sun, come fill me with you.

Verse 2

You are the wind. / I am the sail.
You are my strength and without you I fail.
Breathe but a sigh, and I'll open wide.
O wind, come fill me with you.
O wind, come fill me with you.

Instrumental

Verse 3

You are the wine, / I am the cup.
I can yield nothing till I am filled up.
Hold me upright, pour forth your life.
O wine, come fill me with you.
O wine, come fill me with you.
O wine, come fill me
O wind, come fill me
O sun, come fill me with you.

7. Creation's Hallelujah (Psalm 148)

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Refrain

Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Verse 1

From the sky, from beyond the moon and stars
Let it ring from the highest brightest place.

Refrain

Verse 2

From the soil, deep within our planet's core
Feel it swell from the deepest darkest place.

Refrain

Verse 3

Every life, all you that thrive in land and sea
Lift your praise, every sparrow, bug and quail.

Refrain

Verse 4

Young and old, those with power, those oppressed
Bring your praise, every person on the earth.

Refrain

Verse 5

And from the storms, flood and earthquake, fire and snow
Praise will roar from the heavens to the earth.

Refrain

Hallelujah, Hallelujah. (Creation opens up her heart.)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah (Creation opens up her heart.)

Refrain Repeat

Verse 6

Ahalle, Hallelujah, Hallelu.
Ahalle, Hallelujah, Hallelu.

1. Creation opens up her heart. / Creation opens up her heart.
2. Creation opens up her heart. / Creation opens up her heart.

1. Refrain. 2. Refrain. 3. Refrain. 4. Refrain *fades*

8. It's a New Day – Psalm 104

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Verse 1

The whole planet prospers in your care
Thriving within your design.
Your own trees, your rivers and your birds,
Everything is satisfied.

Refrain

Breathe into the earth, Holy One,
and renew us;
It's a new day.
Breathe into the earth, Holy One, and renew us;
It's a new day.

Verse 2

All of life in rhythm with your breath;
Everything is in its place.
All our days and nights, our seasons turn;
Life and death and holy change.

Verse 3

We will sing for you for all our lives,
Sing as long as we have breath.
We will sing for you for all our lives,
Sing as long as we have breath.

Refrain

9. Illumine Me
Trish Bruxvoort Colligan

Instrumental Flute

1. Illumine me, O Spirit divine
Open my eyes and my life wide.

Illumine me, O Spirit divine,
cast over me your light
Illumine me.

2. Illumine me, O Spirit divine
Open my eyes and my life wide.

Illumine me, O Spirit divine,
cast over me your light
Illumine me.

Instrumental Flute

3. Illumine me, O Spirit divine
Open my eyes and my life wide.

Illumine me, O Spirit divine,
cast over me your light
Illumine me.

4. Illumine me, O Spirit divine
Open my eyes and my life wide.

Illumine me, O Spirit divine,
cast over me your light
Illumine me.

Instrumental Flute

10. Following the River Home

Lorraine Bayes

Dedicated to the health and return of clean pure water, tall strong trees and the salmon of life and wisdom, to the preservation of the Eyak Rain Forest and the Copper River Delta.

There's a river of birds in migration
a nation of women with wings.
There's a river of birds in migration
a nation of children who sing.
There's a river of birds in migration,
a nation of souls who bring
Poetry and prophecy
Ancient cedar, hazelnut tree
Apple bough and silver bells
Weaving the stories of unity.

Following, following the river home
Following the river home.
O'er misty mountain, cutting through stone
I'm following the river home.
Original blessing, wi-na-de-ya-ho
I'm following the river home.

Following, following the river home
I'm following the river home.
Ancestor dreams, a journey of soul
We're singing the salmon back home
We're singing the salmon back home.

Hey ya! Skookcumchuck
Clear strong waters flowing
Forest, river, ocean tide
Oh let salmon live
Oh let wisdom live

Following, following the river home
We're following the river home.
Waters of life, heart of the trees,
We're singing our beauty back home
Mother nature- wild and free
We're singing our beauty back home.

Following, following the river home
Earth and Sum, Moon and Stars
I'm following the river home.

11. Seed of Life
Trish Bruxvoort Colligan

seed of life, arise anew

1. darkness covers and quiet

hovers, we wait and wonder

seed of life, arise anew

2. waters flowing and roots are growing,

you nourish us

seed of life, arise anew

3. breaking soil, you push and toil

with strength unknown

seed of life, arise anew

4. ground of promise to sky around us

you beautify

seed of life, arise anew

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12. Canticle of Creation

Simon deVoil

Most high all powerful precious God
No spoken word can hold your name.

1. Praise be to you who births all life
with all your creatures:

especially you, sir **brother sun**
who is the day and is your light.
Beauty so true to you.

*There you are,
there you are.*

2. Praise be to you my Lord you are,
sister moon and the stars.

Bright precious heaven *there you are.*
There you are.

3. Praise be to you my Lord you are,
brother wind, and the air,
breath of Spirit *there you are,*
there you are.

4. Praise be to you my Lord, you are,
sister water, gift of life
pure essential *there you are,*
there you are.

5. Praise be to you, my Lord, you are
brother fire, friend through the night.
Strong and playful *there you are,*
there you are.

Instrumental

6. Most high, all powerful precious God
Through brother earth we see your face
you govern all of life
sustain and nurture all that is
with **sister death**, first and last breath
the key unlocking all we are,
there we are.
There we are. There we are.

13. Saint Gobnait
Christine Valters Paintner & Simon DeVoil

On the tiny limestone island
an angel comes to Gobnait
in a dream, disrupting all her plans,
and sends her in search of nine white deer.

She wanders for miles across the
sea and land until then at last
they appear but rather than
running straight towards them

she kneels down upon the wet ground,
sits in silence and waits
lets their long legs approach around her,
curious noses sniff her hair.

Breathing slowly, she slides back
into the grass and clover and knows
nothing surpasses this moment,
of heaven hoof and dew.

Is there a place for us,
where we no longer yearn to be always elsewhere?
Always elsewhere?
Where our work is to simply soften and
wait, attend to what's at hand.

She smiles as bees gather eagerly
around her, wings humming softly,
humming softly
as they collect essence from the wildflowers,
weaving labor into gold.

14. Now I Walk in Beauty
Based on the Dine Navajo Blessingway Prayer / Lorraine Bayes
Spirit Prayer by Cynthia Rose

1. Now I walk in beauty

Beauty is before me

Beauty is behind me

Above and below me.

2. Now I walk in beauty

Beauty is before me

Beauty is behind me

Above and below me.

3. Now I walk in beauty

Beauty is before me

Beauty is behind me

Above and below me.

4. Now I walk in beauty

Beauty is before me

Beauty is behind me

Above and below me.

5. Now I walk in beauty

Beauty is before me

Beauty is behind me

Above, below, within me.

Great Spirit, great mystery, we are here today, now
to pray for the earth

that we may live in peace and in deep love
and regard for our earth that gives us life each day.

Sweet mother Goddess, mother of all creation,
we give thanks and praise for the love,
the nurturing and the support that you give your children.
We give thanks and blessings.

May all the sisters and brothers of the earth join together
and heal their lives and heal their hearts,
and know that their divine purpose on the earth
is to live with one another in peace and in harmony with their beautiful earth.
May we take care of all of our relations.

And we ask or healing for you, sweet mother earth,
just as we try to heal each other as brothers and sisters on this earth.
We ask that your mountains, your rivers and your forests
be cleansed and purified and healed.