

67 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

1. God, who stretched the span-gled heav-ens in-fi-nite in time and place,
2. We have ven-tured worlds un-dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3. As each far hor-i-zon beck-ons, may it chal-lenge us a-new,

flung the suns in burn-ing ra-diance through the si-lent fields of space;
known the ec-sta-sy of wing-ing through un-trav-eled realms of space;
chil-dren of cre-a-tive pur-pose, serv-ing oth-ers, hon-oring you.

we, your chil-dren, in your like-ness, share in-ven-tive powers with you;
probed the se-crets of the at-om, yield-ing un-i-mag-ined power,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise, each en-deav-or, well be-gun;

Great Cre-a-tor, still cre-a-ting, show us what we yet may do.
fac-ing us with life's de-struc-tion or our most tri-um-phant hour.
Great Cre-a-tor, give us guid-ance till our goals and yours are one.

WORDS: Catherine Cameron, 1967

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1844; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

HYFRYDOL

87.87D

Cameron, a Canadian now a professor of social psychology in California, intended this text to be sung to *AUSTRIAN HYMN*. The Welsh tune used here appears in

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

1. Sing of one who walks be - side us and this day is liv - ing still,
 2. We have walked with him as strang - ers through the jour - ny of the day,
 3. Ris - en one, stay with us, raise us, once a - gain the night is near.

one who now is clos - er to us than the thoughts our hearts dis - till,
 and have told him of the ter - ror that has swept our hope a - way.
 Dine with us and share your wis - dom, free our hearts from ev - 'ry fear.

Christ who once up - on a hill - top, raised a - gainst the power of sin,
 He has of - fered words of com - fort, words of en - er - gy and light.
 In the calm of each new eve - ning, in the fresh - ness of each dawn,

died in love as his own crea - tures cru - ci - fied their God and Friend!
 Did our hearts not blaze with - in us as he broke the bread this night?
 if you hold us fast in friend - ship we will nev - er be a - lone.