As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712

1. As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering that all may truly live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to-day,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God’s own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
2 World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
We Are One in the Spirit

They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Am) (Fm) (Em)

1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,

and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our

love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan’s on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

THE CHURCH

THEMELLOWS

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They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Fm Cm Fm

(C) Dm Fm

(C) (Em) (Fm)

(Bm) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)

Bm Fm Bm Cm Fm Bm/F Fm

Bm Fm

Bm Cm Fm Bm/F Fm

love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G) (Bb)

1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of
3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your

(D) (F) (Bm) (D) (A)

endless store, nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races
grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to

(Bm) (Am) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)

cross, grave’s shattered door; gifted by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily
spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in

(Bm) (Dm) (G) (D) (Bb) (C) (F)

to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall
labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents,
sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call, healing, teaching,

(Bm) (Dm) (G) (D) (Bb) (F)

rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the
Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early
American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

MUSIC: The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people
here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise

Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Or “God”*
We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

3 Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.