

WHEN EARTH WAKES FROM OUT OF SLEEP

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1. When Earth wakes from out of sleep
With a terrifying shake
Does our faith lie torn apart
Like the dwellings we forsake?
Cosmic God each process shows
Parts of wisdom Earth well knows.

2. Once we thought that earthquakes came
From a god to punish wrong;
Now we know that seismic shocks
Place Earth's plates where they belong.
Cosmic God each process shows
Parts of wisdom Earth well knows.

3. If we think that all that comes
Is made solely for our good
We have placed ourselves above
Cosmic ways and livelihood.
Cosmic God each process shows
Parts of wisdom Earth well knows.

4. If Earth's plates now need to move
Its great needs exceed our own
And it does not take account
Where we chose to make our home.
Cosmic God each process shows
Parts of wisdom Earth well knows.

5. For the answers we return
To the Cosmos and its ways,
Ways that humble all our pride
Ways that fill our hearts with praise.
Cosmic God of everything
Your great mystery now we sing.