

Justice and Peace

IN THE FIELDS WHERE RICE IS PLANTED

Tune: LIBERATION

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1. In the fields where rice is planted in the water's womb,
Or where cattle gasp and die upon the parched earth's tomb,
Within the shanty town or cardboard dwelling place
God is found in the people of the land.
In their songs of pain and joy,
In their dreams and dark despair,
Christ's nativity and cross are unfolding everywhere.
2. Where the butterflies cavort and high-rise buildings soar,
Or where poverty and wealth destroy both rich and poor,
Within the celebration of each nation's soil,
God is found in the people of the land.
In their songs of pain and joy,
In their dreams and dark despair,
Christ's nativity and cross are unfolding everywhere.
3. But the manger and the cross are not the final page,
Empty tombs and broken chains announce the Gospel Age,
When all oppression, greed and war flee ravished lands
Giving space for a just and loving peace.
In their triumph songs of joy,
In their dreams beyond despair,
Resurrection shall be shared by the people everywhere.

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