

## Ecosystem

### GIFT OF THE SOLAR FIRE (In praise of light and glass)

Tune: SOLAR FIRE  
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1. Gift of the solar fire,  
Life-giving golden rays,  
Caressing all Earth's face with warmth  
Till hearts are filled with praise.  
Without you all is dark,  
Without you all is dead,  
The colours fade into a void  
Which masks life's sacred thread.
  
2. Rainbows delight our eyes  
Clothed in the spectrum's robe,  
Unpacking all the artist skills  
Within Earth's fragile globe.  
With glass we recreate  
The wonder of the skies  
And through the lens of crystal threads  
See life with mystic eyes.
  
3. Mystery of God in light,  
Seen both in joy and pain,  
In haunting cross and sparkling seas,  
In sunshine and the rain,  
Within our complex self  
We glimpse a gilded space,  
A silence which we share with God,  
A chalice filled with grace.
  
4. Though many hearts embrace  
Sexist and racist ways  
We seek to live inclusive lives  
Of pluralistic praise.  
We share our work and wealth,  
We treasure Earth's domains,  
We honour all within its web  
And all its life contains.

*Alternative Tune: DIADEMATA*  
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