

## The Ecosystem

### THROUGHOUT THIS LAND

Tune: DISCERNMENT

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1. Throughout this land discern God's veil  
Displayed in Earth and sky.  
In treeless hills and poisoned streams  
Find tears and hear God sigh.  
Within the sparkling lakes and bush  
Perceive the vast terrain  
Of all the ways this sacred land  
Reflects God's joy and pain.
2. Hear all the cries that rise from Earth,  
Of life that is no more,  
From people, culture, tree and bird  
Destroyed by greed and war.  
But also hear the song-bird's hymn,  
The moan of surf's refrain  
And know this sacred land of ours  
Reflects God's joy and pain.
3. Touch both the rough and smooth of life,  
In gentle rain and storm,  
The trunk and leaf of shrub and tree,  
The petal and the thorn,  
For life is dance and life is death  
And death and life are one.  
The sacred space is everywhere  
And God is grief and fun!

*Note: An alternative for 'bush' in verse 1, line 5 is 'woods' for those countries where 'bush' equates with 'woods'.*

*Alternative Tune: KINGSFOLD*

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