

West Coast of the South Island

LAND WHERE THE MOUNTAINS

Tune: BENSON

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1. Land where the mountains touch the sea
And narrow plains are green;
Framed by the rounded forms of bush
God's image is clearly seen.
Here I shall live and claim my space,
Here I delight to be
For the Coast is the place which my spirit calls home
Cast between the Alps and the sea.

2. Scene of the shipwreck and the mine,
Of bush and songbird's sound,
Space where the tears soon merge with rain
And where sunlight hues abound.
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Here I delight to be
For the Coast is the place which my spirit calls home
Cast between the Alps and the sea.

3. Place of the tales which people share
With honesty and warmth;
Tales of their kindness and distress,
Their humour, their love and strength.
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