

At the Dawn of Your Creation

1. At the dawn of your cre - a - tion, God, you spoke: "Let there be light!"
 2. By your word, you formed cre - a - tion: dry land, wa - ter, o - cean breeze.
 3. When you made us as your child - ren, send - ing us through - out your lands,
 4. At this joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion, may we hear your word a - new:

You di - vid - ed earth from heav - en, you cre - at - ed day and night.
 Soon there burst forth veg - e - ta - tion: plants with fruit, ma - jes - tic trees,
 you com - mand - ed, "Have do - min - ion, care for earth; it's in your hands."
 may we care for your cre - a - tion, know - ing it's a trust from you.

You made sun - beams dance with shad - ows, you cre - at - ed en - er - gy!
 rain and snow and chang - ing sea - sons, crea - tures fill - ing land and sea.
 Yet we hurt this world you've giv - en; we harm earth and sky and sea.
 Just as dai - ly there's a dawn - ing, bring - ing light to all we see,

Peace - ful even - ings, bright to - mor - rows, all be - gan with "Let there be!"
 God, your ver - y good cre - a - tion all be - gan with "Let there be!"
 We for - get it's your cre - a - tion, you, who once said, "Let there be!"
 so we dai - ly hear your call - ing, you, who once said, "Let there be!"

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