

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

D A C G

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing;
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery.
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter;
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing,

Gm Dm C G

now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way;
 We are the old who yearn for your face.
 here we will take the bread of new birth.
 not in some heav-en, light years a-way:

D A C G

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm Dm C D C

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gm D A C D G A

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en;
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty;
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion;
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er;

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

C D G A D A

gath-er us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
 gath-er us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so
 give us to eat the bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and
 gath-er us in and make us your own; gath-er us in, all

C G Gm Dm C

we shall a-wak-en; we shall a-rise at the sound of our
 meek and so low-ly; give us the cour-age to en-ter the
 teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are
 peo-ples to-geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our

D C Gm D

name.
 song.
 true.
 bone.