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# The Sacred Now

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We begin this day in stillness,  
we are here, and it is now:  
sacred time in which we've gathered.  
Casting cares, we bend and bow.  
God of wisdom, God of nurture,  
hem us in before, behind.  
Hollow out the space inside us;  
fill us with pure love divine.

Shapeless void to form and beauty,  
in your image, we are made:  
breathing, living, moving, striving.  
Light of lights, our hearts invade.  
For we lay our fears before you,  
Love whose power can set us free.  
Birth in us the gift of presence;  
birth in us eternity.

In this sacred space together,  
we are bound and yet we're free:  
free to dream and free to cherish  
Love that's borne of Trinity.  
Bring to us your consolation;  
mercies new this day begin.  
We remember you have found us;  
on this day, we're born again.

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