

# Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit

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Stars and plan - ets flung in or - bit,  
 Skies a - dorned with sun - set splen - dor,  
 Life in won - drous, wild pro - fu - sion,  
 Hu - man - kind, earth's deep - est mys - tery,

gal - ax - ies that swirl through space,  
 si - lent peaks in calm re - pose,  
 seed and fruit, each flow'r and tree,  
 born of dust but touched by grace,

pow - ers hid with - in the at - om,  
 gol - den fields a - wait - ing har - vest,  
 beast and fish and swarm - ing in - sect,  
 torn a - part by tongue and col - or,

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Tune: LAUDA ANIMA  
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cells that form an in - fant's face:  
foam - ing surf and fra - grant rose:  
soar - ing bird, re - joic - ing free:  
yet a sin - gle, striv - ing race:

these, O God, in si - lence praise you,  
earth, its boun - ty clothed with beau - ty,  
these, your crea - tures, join in cho - rus,  
we, in whom you trace your im - age,

by your wis - dom they are made.  
ech - oes all cre - a - tion's praise.  
prais - ing you in word - less song.  
add our words to na - ture's song.

5. Gra-cious God, we bring be-fore you  
gifts of hu-man life a-lone,  
Truth that throbs through song and sto-ry,  
vi-sions caught in paint and stone:  
These, O God, we glad-ly of-fer,  
Gifts to praise the Giv-er's name.

6. Christ, the Word be-fore cre-a-tion  
as cre-a-tion's fin-al goal,  
Once you came for earth's re-demp-tion;  
by your Spir-it make earth whole.  
Then, O God, the new cre-a-tion  
will your praise for-ev-er sing.