Tune ‘Som Stranden’ (*Rejoice and Sing* 108) 11.10.11.10.11.10

1. So many voices echo through the ages
singing the songs of pilgrims on the way;
prophets and poets in the Bible’s pages
from long ago, yet speaking still today.
God’s word is timeless, bridging past and future,
wisdom and light to all who watch and pray.

2. How many seeds give birth to spreading forests,
carried by birds or borne upon the breeze;
so many years must pass before they flourish,
and tender shoots become majestic trees.
Scattered in faith, the seeds of God’s own planting
will bear the fruit of righteousness and peace.

3. So many streams make up a mighty river,
tumbling in spring from mountain ice and snow;
life-giving rivers water earth’s dry places,
greening the fields where crops take root and grow.
From boundless depths God’s living water rises,
wellspring of hope in its eternal flow.

4. How many lives still hear the call to waken
out of their sleep, to welcome and embrace
sisters and brothers, friendless and forsaken,
showing God’s kindness with a human face,
and in the midst of hopelessness and heartbreak,
building with love communities of grace.

5. Gifts from the past bring present inspiration,
treasures of wisdom waiting to be found;
in years to come, each passing generation
will find new notes for songs of love to sound.
This troubled earth is God’s beloved creation,
its cry for healing is God’s hallowed ground.

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