

As It Was (So It Shall Be)

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In beginning God created
The heavens and the earth
Tho' at first they lay in formlessness
He knew their final worth
Clothed in power and majesty
In garments made of light
As darkness fled before Him,
He divided day from night

He fastened earth's foundations,
Laid its cornerstone
He shut the sea behind its doors
And made its bound'ries known
He spoke of grass and herbs and trees
And seeds that fall and fly
And roots thrust deep into the earth
And branches to the sky

The chorus of the morning stars
And the shouts of heaven's sons
Resound throughout the skyfields
While the work of God is done
And as He sows His words like jewels
In a rainbow falling down
The garden is perfection
And awaits creation's crown

Then in glory unimaginable,
The Lord Himself is here
He kneels, and there beneath His hands,
A man from dust appears
He lifts him gently in His arms,
And breaths into his soul
And raises Him to stand upright,
Complete and free and whole

The man looks round in wonder
At the world that's now his own
And everything that's touched
And seen is beauty yet unknown
With a joy that has no bounds
And knows no fear of end
Every evening in its coolness
He walks there with his Friend

The pow'r that formed the universe
Was but a token of His might
It was love that gave us ears to hear
And eyes to see the light
It's love that gave us breath
And it is love that gave us birth
It's love that flung the stars
And it is love that spins the earth

And when at last this vastness
Like a worn-out robe is rolled

And the new creation's children
Watch their heart's desires unfold
Then love will reign forever
Through our God and King and Friend
And as it was in the beginning,
It shall be without end
And as it was in the beginning
It shall be without end
And as it was in the beginning
It shall be without end