Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

(SSATBB)

1. Dear Lord and Father of man-kind, For give our foolish ways;
   Re-clothe us in our right-ful mind, In pur-er lives Thy ser-vice find,
   In deep-er rev-rence, praise.

2. In sim-ple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syr-ian sea,
   The gra-cious cal-ling of the Lord, Let us, like them, with-out a word,
   Rise up and fol-low Thee.

3. O Sab-bath rest by Ga-li-lee, O calm of hills a-bove,
   Where Je-sus knelt to share with Thee The si-lence of e-ter-ni-ty,
   In-ter-pre-ted by love!

4. With that deep hush sub-duing all Our words and works that drown
   The ten-der whis-per of Thy call, As noise-less let Thy bless-ing fall
   In-ter-pre-ted by love!

5. Drop Thy still dews of qui-et-ness, Till all our striv-ings cease;
   Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our or-dered lives con-fess
   The beau-ty of Thy peace.

6. Breathe through the heats of our de-sire Thy cool-ness and Thy balm;
   Let sense be dumb, let flesh re-tire; Speak through the earth-quake, wind, and fire,
   O still, small voice of calm.

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