YOU GAVE US THE HOPE

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(1) Some were lost in the desert,

Hungry and desperately thirsty.

Then they called to the Lord in their trouble;

Then they called to the Lord, “Yahweh! Yahweh!”

Then they called to the Lord, and you came with your word.

You gave us the hope in which we stand

For which we praise you;

You give us the songs; give us the words

With which to say you are Lord.

(2) Some were living in darkness,

For scorning the advice of the Most High,

Then they called to the Lord in their trouble;

Then they called to the Lord, “Yahweh! Yahweh!”

Then they called to the Lord, and you came with your word.

You gave us the hope in which we stand

For which we praise you;

You give us the songs; give us the words

With which to say you are Lord.

(3) Others were plying their business

When storms arose on their oceans.

Then they called to the Lord in their trouble;

Then they called to the Lord, “Yahweh! Yahweh!”

Then they called to the Lord, and you brought them to port.

You gave us the hope in which we stand

For which we praise you;

You give us the songs; give us the words

With which to say you are Lord.

(4) You filled a desert with water,

An arid country with springs flowing,

Gave the hungry a home to found a town,

To sow their fields, cut their vines, “Harvest, harvest!”

Make their numbers increase!

Bring new families and peace.

You gave us the hope in which we stand

For which we praise you;

You give us the songs; give us the words

With which to say you are Lord.