

God, Creator of the Cosmos

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1. God, cre - a - tor of the cos - mos, spin - ning worlds be - yond our sight,
2. What are we that you have made us and are mind - ful of our care?
3. Help us cher - ish your cre - a - tion. Help us move be - yond our greed.

each day brings us new sur - pris - es, spark - ling with di - vine de - light.
We are fire and breath and star - dust, on a plan - et that we share.
Help us learn to live more sim - ply, us - ing on - ly what we need.

Far - flung gal - ax - ies a - stound us; quan - tum forc - es leave us dazed.
We are kin to all cre - a - tion, linked by com - mon ties of birth;
God, your love and care sus - tain us on this beau - ti - ful blue ball.

With fresh eyes we look and mar - vel at the won - der of your ways.
all our fu - tures are de - pend - ent on this fair and frag - ile earth.
We will not take earth for grant - ed: webs of kin - ship link us all.

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CREATION HYMN

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This hymn, my second one about creation, places the discoveries of modern science in the context of Christian faith. My understanding of the science concepts alluded to has been greatly illumined by Hans Küng's book, *The Beginning of All Things: Science and Religion*. 2005; Engl. trans. John Bowden. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2007. Because the earth and everything on it is ultimately traceable to the stars, we are kin to it all; our destiny is linked with that of the earth. Such a connection urges a greater sense of responsibility on our part in relation to the earth. The "beautiful blue ball" recalls the stunning image of "Earthrise," the photograph of the earth taken from space on December 24, 1968, during the Apollo 8 mission. Scriptural allusions are to Psalms 8:4 and 144:3.