

#588 – A prophet-woman broke a jar

1. A prophet-woman broke a jar,
by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,
the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
preparing Christ for dying.

2. A faithful woman left a tomb
by Love's divine commission.
She saw, she heard,
she preached the Word,
arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb,
with resurrection gospel;
she saw, she heard,
she preached the Word,
apostle to apostles.

3. Though woman wisdom, woman truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls,
our shame and sadness mending.

4. The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls,
by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls,
from women, men and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice and make them welcome!

Hymn #769 – Lord of light, whose name and splendour

1. Lord of light, whose name and splendour
far outshine the suns of space,
deign to make us your co-workers
in the kingdom of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:
Abba, as in highest heaven
so on earth your will be done.

2. By the faithfulness of workers
serving you in every field;
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed;
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won:
Abba, as in highest heaven
so on earth your will be done.

3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet might humbly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift all nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun:
Abba, as in highest heaven
so on earth your will be done.

4. By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus bringing
peace to all, and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one:
Abba, as in highest heaven
so on earth your will be done.

Hymn #657 – Woman in the night, spent from giving birth

1. Woman in the night, spent from giving birth,
guard our precious light; peace is on the earth!
Woman in the crowd, creeping up behind,
touching is allowed; seek and you will find!

Refrain:

**Come and join the song, women, children, men;
Jesus make us free to live again!**

2. Woman at the well, question the Messiah;
find your friends and tell; drink your heart's desire!
Woman at the feast, let the righteous stare,
come and go in peace; love him with your hair! **Refrain**

3. Woman in the house, nurtured to be meek,
leave your second place; listen, think and speak!
Woman on the road, from your sickness freed,
witness and provide, joining word and deed. **Refrain**

4. Women on the hill, stand when men have fled;
Christ needs loving still, though your hope is dead.
Women in the dawn, care and spices bring,
earliest to mourn, earliest to sing! **Refrain**