CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells a parable in which a landholder entrusts his wealth to his slaves. Similarly, in Genesis, 2, God entrusts the newly made creation to Adam, saying, "Tend it well." Setting those two passages next to one another has inspired the poem below, in which God is addressing us.

Look around, and you will see
the stream, the bush, the plant, the tree,
all this goodness is for thee.
Care for it! Help it thrive!

Look around, and you will view
the mountain, the valley, the rolling field.
All this goodness is for you.
Care for it! Help it thrive!

Look around, and you will sight
the robin, the owl, the high-flying kite.
All this goodness, day and night.
Care for it! Help it thrive!

Look around; you will observe
rolling hill, starry sky, grassy preserve.
All this goodness for you to serve.
Care for it! Help it thrive!

Your care of my creation
fills me with celebration.
And so I extend this invitation:
Enter into my joy!

Of creation I am the maker;
You all are its caretaker.
And when I see creation
thriving under your caring,
I dance! I sing!
So come! Enter into my joy!

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