

God's Plea

"... how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing." Luke 13: 34b

We smile and shake our heads each day
When we see children fighting,
Or when they selfishly at play
Refuse to share, all slighting.

We gather them and take great pains
To teach them right from wrong;
Yet often we can find no gains –
So stubborn and headstrong.

We fail to clearly recognize,
That often we, too, are
Foolish children in disguise
Who have strayed much too far.

God calls to us to fast return
To the Lord's loving care,
And not as rebel children spurn
The love God freely shares.

God offers us a life fulfilled,
Protection, promise, hope,
But still, we fail to do God's will
And in the darkness grope.

Why do we fight and struggle so
To come home to our Lord?
We cause our own despair and woe;
We have God's voice ignored.

Too often harm that does befall
Comes from selfish behavior.
Oh, wayward children, hear the call
Of our dear loving Savior.

Let us repent, obey, and trust,
Let God our lives direct.
The Lord waits now for each of us,
To shelter and protect.

