For the Beauty

For the joy of human form shaped to meet the inner soul. Man or woman, each reborn, flowering out, becoming whole – *God of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For transgendered rainbow cast after floods of human tears, arks of safety in the past, – claiming faith and conquering fears. *God of all, to you we raise – this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the joy of human love – partners named by church and state, allies here and friends above who, with joy, have silenced hate – *God of all to you we raise – this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the church with open doors, for the pews where all may rest, for each child by love restored, once outside, now home and blessed – *God of all, to you we raise – this our hymn of grateful praise.*

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