

# A Blessing Hymn for Australia

(Formerly The Jubilee Hymns to the Holy Spirit. Please note the changes to text & phrasing which are now both strictly faithful to the melody 'Thaxted')

Andante ♩ = 74

Music: Thaxted. Gustav Holst

Text : Michael Herry fms



1. An - cient  
2. Ho - ly  
3. Ho - ly



land of wide and sun - burnt plains, where feet have long since trod, you have  
Spi - rit, gift of love di - vine, with you we dare to dream so to  
Spi - rit, breathe your life in us, your truth to guide our way. Now with



known the stor - ies of our search to find the face of God. God, you ho - vered ov - er  
walk in just - ice all our days, this land of gold and green. From all nat - ions we have  
o - pen hearts we hear your call to fol - low you each day. Bring us all as one to -



dark - ness when the void was sil - ent, still; then your voice rang out in splen - dour; cre -  
gath - ered; lead us on in un - ty. In this vast and rug - ged home land, may  
geth - er, un - der south - ern stars bove, so the Cross will lead us on - ward, Great



a - tion knew your will, and your eyes of love be - held in light our land of sweep - ing  
You our cen - tre be. May our lives show forth your ten - der love, com - pass ion, strong and  
South land of your love. Give us joy - ful hearts in days to come, all fear and dark cast



(organ reprise)

plains. Now our voi - ces too, re - join a - gain cre - a - tion's song of praise.  
bold. Help us bring Good News to all the world, Your Spi - rit love un - fold.  
out. Help us build in Christ a world re - born in jus - tice and in love.