

An Awfully Big Adventure

Sometimes it is tempting to close the door on the world and hunker back down into our cosy beds. But as Peter Pan asserts, "to live would be an awfully big adventure" and God teaches us and shakes us up through the parables of everyday life and challenges us to go out and live our lives to the full.

God of the changing seasons
It's a dark autumn morning
the wind blows an icy chill
the rain patters against the windowpane
and leaves lie soggy in the gutter
it's the kind of morning
when all we want to do
is hunker down in our cosy beds
and go back to sleep.

God who shakes us out of our slumber
life is more than sleeping
more than protecting ourselves
in a blanket of comfort
life is an adventure to be lived
there are people to meet with
wonders to be celebrated
stories to share
dreams to dreams.

And so we are gathered here
God of sharp contradictions
on a blustery autumn day
to learn of your wisdom
in the here and now
in the everyday
to share in each others lives
to look at the world around us
and grow in our understanding.

And so we are gathered here
God of ancient parables
as the rain lashes down outside
to learn of your wisdom
from stories of long ago
retold in the present
to learn from each other
from our lived experience
and the mistakes we have made.

And so we are gathered here
God of puzzles and riddles
as the days shorten their span
to learn of your wisdom
in our surviving
and in our waiting
in our meeting
and in our dreaming

as we long for Openshaw to be reborn
as we long for a future filled with your hope.
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