Each leaf, each petal,  
each grain, each person,  
sings your praises,  
Creator God.

Each creature on the earth,  
all the mountains and great seas  
show your glory,  
Spirit of love.

And yet the hand of greed  
has patented and plundered  
your splendour,  
has taken and not shared  
your gift,  
has lived as owner of the earth,  
not guest.

And so  
the ice is cracked  
the rivers dry,  
the valleys flooded  
and the snowcaps melt.

God our Father, show us  
how to step gently,  
how to live simply,  
how to walk lightly  
with respect and love  
for all that you have made.

Amen

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