At the Dawn of Your Creation

You divided earth from heaven, you created day and night. Soon there burst forth vegetation; plants with fruit, majestic trees, you command, "Have dominion, care for earth; it's in your hands."

You made sunbeams dance with shadows, you created energy! Yet we hurt this world you've given; we harm earth and sky and sea. Just as daily there's a dawning, bringing light to all we see,

Peaceful evenings, bright tomorrow, all began with "Let there be!" God, your very word, all began with "Let there be!" We forget it's your creation, you, who once said, "Let there be!" so we daily hear your calling, you, who once said, "Let there be!"

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