Envision a World

Sung to the tune “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

This world that we share was created for all
Commanded to love is our collective call
While sameness brings comfort, our difference compels
Its richness the key to the story we tell

Our story has too often played out in war
We’re blinded to beauty when stuck keeping score
These desperate measures proclaimed to defend
Have turned into enemy a would-be friend

So many have lived in ways different from mine
But “otherness” makes their lives no less divine
Our prayers are in languages God understands
The paths to the Spirit a part of the plan

Envision a world in which we live in peace
The wrongs from our past finally we release
We still work for justice; we seek what is right
“Abundance for all,” is our vision for life.

Now God, thought invisible, we can see here
In living with neighbors from both far and near
The future in God’s eyes is held in our hands
Let’s build it with goodness for all and the land

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