

Our Green Earth—God's Garden

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*Hymn on the theme of the environment using the liturgical colours (blue, white, **orange [added October 2011]**, purple, red, and green) as part of the imagery. 7676D - suggested tune: Aurelia (The Church's One Foundation)*

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Blue planet full of marvels,
Each river, sea, and lake
Needs all of our attention
To fix our great mistakes.
We seek God's guidance daily
To keep the waters clear.
So when we pray, we know that
God's voice is calling here.

White world of polar regions
And icebergs' great parade,
But changes melt and break them
By choices we have made.
The light of Resurrection
Shines strong upon a beam.
It brings life to our planet
And lifts our hopes and dreams.

Our orange, ember thinking,
The calls to grow, renew,
Are heard by those communing
In groups of many, few.
Green leaves lose life, turn colour,
And fall to feed the Earth,
Then we seek new resources:
Christ's call, each day, new birth.

Mysterious, purple planet
Where signs and wonders glow
With great anticipation
We know God's love will flow.
The wine of life is purple
Arrayed in royal robes.
Its covenant forever—
New life throughout our globe.

Red lava, molten mountains
Renew earth's crust of stone,
And Holy Spirit wind storms
Sing, "We are not alone!"
Environmental crises
Burn red in all our eyes
But prayer will lead us forward
To forge a compromise.

We seek a greener planet
Each time we make a choice—
With harmony in living,
Let nature sing, rejoice.
We have a greener outlook
When justice is our song.
So our green earth, God's garden
Is whole, and clean, and strong!