

Guidance notes for this PowerPoint



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- Hymns:
 - Placeholder slides for Hymns are at Slides **16, 40, 81** and **94**
 - Slides containing the full Hymn lyrics are at the end of this PowerPoint (**from Slide 111**). These can be moved into the Service at the above placeholders depending on your Hymn selections.
 - Bible Readings: The service contains three suggested Bible Readings:
 - The Parable of the Lost Sheep (**Slides 41-46**)
 - The Parable of the Lost Coin (**Slides 47-50**)
 - The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother (**Slides 51-70**)
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Frontier Services
Standing with people in the bush



*Serve one another
humbly in love*

Galatians 5:13

Acknowledgement of Country



**In this place and this
time, we are in the
presence of God.**

All is holy.

All is sacred.

Acknowledgement of Country



**We acknowledge those
who have cared for
this place and its
sacredness since time
can be remembered,
our First Peoples.**

Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge that we are in Country and pay our respect to elders who carry the songs and stories of this place and who can teach us the wisdom of their ways.

Acknowledgement of Country



We extend that respect to all First Nations people present, just as we welcome and offer our respect to people from all backgrounds. Together we are God's people.



Call to Worship

One looks up to the sky at
night,
Out from city and town lights
and sees the wonder of the
heavens.
They tell of the glory of God.



Call to Worship

**When we look around us,
Wherever we are, we can see
the hand of God in nature:**



Call to Worship

The dry arid red dust plains
which still teem with life;
The dunes of sand which
stretch on beyond our sight in
waves;



Call to Worship

The lushness of bushland,
be it scrubland, rainforest,
or just valleys, plains,
hills and mountains
covered in greens
of many hues;



Call to Worship

The features of this land
which hold sacredness
for our First Peoples
And leave us in awe
at their grandeur and beauty.



Call to Worship

**Much that we behold
leads us into
thinking about you, God.
Yet, you are always with us,
At work in us and all people.**



Call to Worship

**We meet you, the Christ,
when we are loved
and when we love.**

**Too often you are
far from our thinking,**



Call to Worship

But in this time and this space
we turn ourselves to you,
Heart, mind,
strength and soul.

We reach out in praise and
prayer,
Coming as your people,



Call to Worship

To hear your Word,
And learn your way.

Be with us now as Spirit,
As we seek to
connect with you anew.


Amen

Hymn





*Prayer of Praise
and Thanksgiving*

A clear blue sky with a tree in the bottom left corner. The tree has sparse, light-colored leaves and a thin trunk. The sky is a uniform, bright blue.

**You are like the flatness
of our plains,
Stretching beyond our horizon,

Extending beyond
what we can see,
Leaving us in awe and wonder.**

**You are like
the red earth of the country,**

**All and everywhere,
Sustaining life,
Ground of being.**




**You are like
the rock of our country,**

**Ever diverse,
Taking many forms,
Wearing many shapes,**




**Underpinning all,
Stunning and inspiringly
beautiful.**



A photograph of a tree with sparse, light-colored leaves against a clear blue sky. The tree is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its branches extending upwards and outwards. The sky is a uniform, bright blue.

**You are like the oceans,
Thrilling and spectacular.
Unpredictable,
Ever moving,
Source of life.**


A photograph of a tree with sparse, light-colored foliage against a clear, bright blue sky. The tree is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its branches extending upwards and outwards. The right side of the image is a solid black background where the text is located.

**You are like the bush,
Chaotically splendid,
Forests of abundance,
Bushes of shade and
sanctuary,
Breathing life and sustaining
living things.**

A clear blue sky with a tree silhouette in the bottom left corner.

**You are like the rivers and
waterways,**

**Doing as you will,
Taking the path you choose,**

A tall, thin tree with sparse green and yellow leaves against a clear blue sky. The tree is positioned on the left side of the image, with its branches extending upwards and outwards. The sky is a solid, vibrant blue.

**Changing the landscape with
your patience and persistent
moving,**

**Bringing life-giving to all.
You are like all this,
but more.**

A clear blue sky with a tree in the lower-left corner.


Our words are not enough.

You are the God of this place.

You are the God of all places.

You are the God of this time.

You are the God of all times.



We give you thanks.
We offer you praise.

We worship you,
Or seek to do so
in this time and place.

Amen

Prayer of Confession

You are our God.

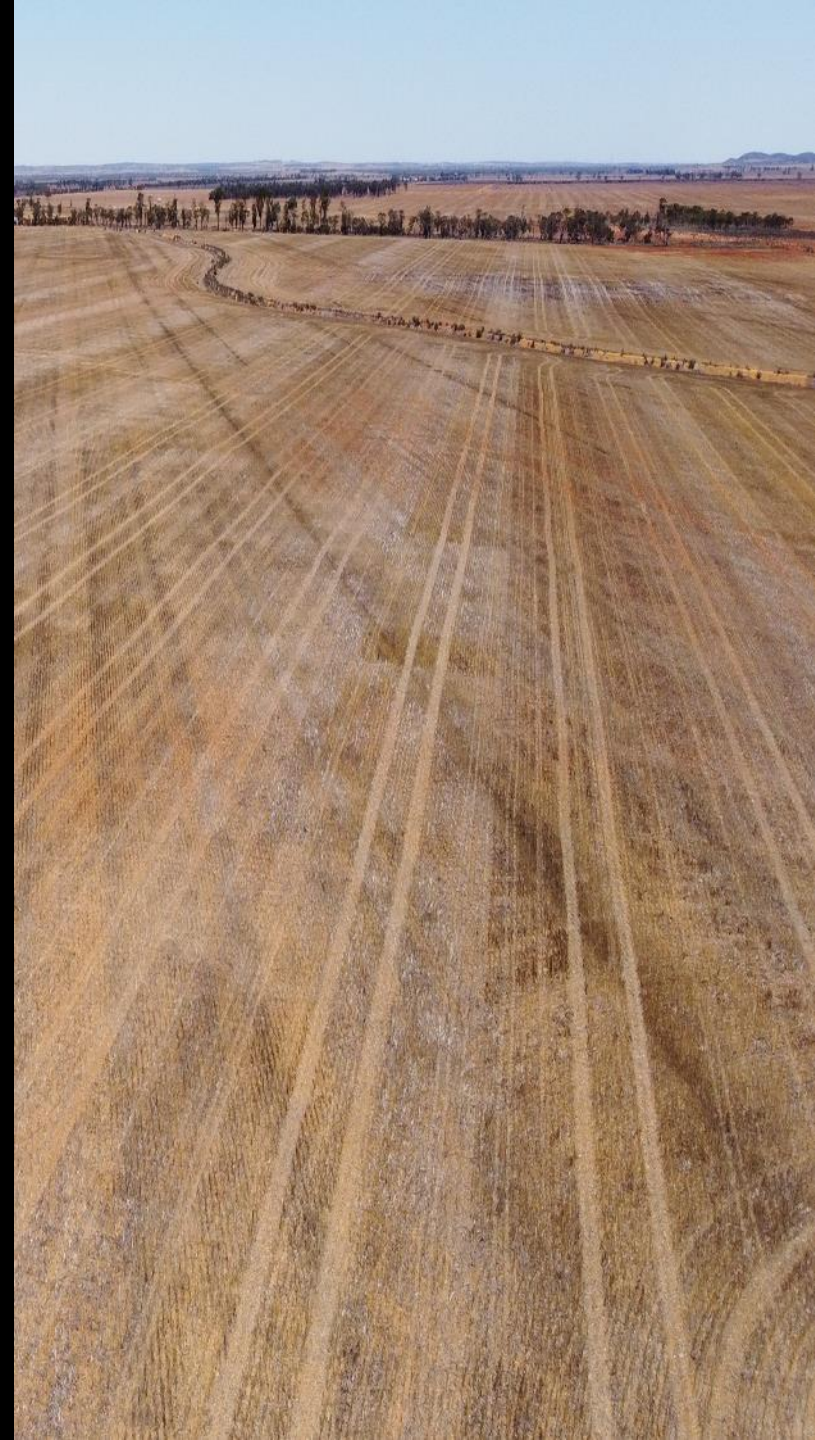
We are your people:

People from farm and town,

People from mob and group,

People you have called

to this land.



**Like the difference
from coast to inland,
From rainforest to desert,
From mountain to plain,
We are diverse people,
but one in you, as your Church.**



**We know your love.
We seek your way.
We follow you, the Christ,
and try to bear the fruit
you call us to.**



**Yet, often our faith is as flat
as a dry lake bed
after a long time in the sun.
Our spirituality is as dry as
a creek bed in drought.**



**Sometimes, even though
we know you are the
wellspring of life,
we don't come to you in prayer
or listen for your help
in our times of trouble.**



Sometimes we are too busy to practice our discipleship.

Sometimes we are too caught up in ourselves to notice the needs of others.



Sometimes we fail to love you
in our failure to love
our neighbour as ourselves.

Sometimes, like Peter
denied you the need
for you to wash his feet,



**In our pride we fail to let
others serve and love us,
care for us in our need.**



**In all our falling short, we miss
the goodness of your kingdom
Or the peace and joy
that you hold out to us.**



Forgive us our shortcomings.

**Call us once again to your
blessings of grace.**



**Help us let go of what is past,
What is unhelpful,
What is harmful,
And more fully be
your people once more.**



Show us again who we can be
and how the world can be
When we walk together
with you.

Amen



Hymn



Bible Reading

Luke 15: 1-7

The Parable of the Lost Sheep



Bible Reading



Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Bible Reading



So he told them this parable:

“Which one of you,
having a hundred sheep and
losing one of them,
does not leave the
ninety-nine in the
wilderness
and go after the one
that is lost until he finds it?”

Bible Reading

And when he has found it,
he lays it on his shoulders
and rejoices.

And when he comes home,
he calls together his friends
and neighbors,



Bible Reading

saying to them,

**'Rejoice with me, for
I have found my lost sheep.'**



Bible Reading



Just so, I tell you,
there will be more
joy in heaven over one
sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine
righteous persons
who need no repentance.”

Bible Reading

Luke 15: 8-10

The Parable of the Lost Coin



Bible Reading

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?”



Bible Reading

And when she has found it,
she calls together her
friends and neighbors,
saying,

'Rejoice with me,
for I have found the coin
that I lost.'



Bible Reading

Just so, I tell you,
there is joy
in the presence
of the angels of God
over one sinner
who repents.”



Bible Reading

Luke 15: 11-32

**The Parable of the Prodigal
and His Brother**



Bible Reading



Jesus continued:

“There was a man who had two sons.

The younger one said to his father,

Bible Reading



**'Father,
give me my share of the
estate.'**

**So he divided his property
between them.**

Bible Reading



Not long after that,
the younger son got
together all he had,
set off for a distant country
and there squandered his
wealth in wild living.

Bible Reading

After he had spent everything,
there was a severe famine
in that whole country,
and he began to be in need.



Bible Reading

So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.



Bible Reading

He longed to
fill his stomach with
the pods that the pigs
were eating,
but no one
gave him anything.



Bible Reading



**“When he came to
his senses, he said,**

**‘How many of my father’s
hired servants
have food to spare,
and here I am
starving to death!**

Bible Reading



I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

Bible Reading

So he got up
and went to his father.

“But while he was
still a long way off,
his father saw him
and was filled with
compassion for him;



Bible Reading



He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

Bible Reading



“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him.

Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.

Bible Reading

For this son of mine
was dead and is alive again;
he was lost and is found.'

So they began to celebrate.



Bible Reading

“Meanwhile,
the older son was
in the field.

When he came
near the house,
he heard music and dancing.



Bible Reading



So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

Bible Reading

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in.

So his father went out and pleaded with him.



Bible Reading



But he answered his father,
'Look! All these years
I've been slaving for you
and never disobeyed your
orders.

Yet you never gave me even
a young goat so I could
celebrate with my friends.

Bible Reading

But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!



Bible Reading

'My son,' the father said,
'you are always with me,
and everything I have
is yours.'



Bible Reading



But we had to celebrate
and be glad,
because this brother of
yours was dead and is alive
again;

he was lost and is found.'”

Reflection

This reflection comes from Pastor Michael Chapman who is a Frontier Services Bush Chaplain serving in the Carpentaria / McKay Remote Area (QLD).



In Luke 15,
Jesus tells three parables
in a row,
all with a similar message.



The three parables in this chapter are often referred to as the parable of the lost sheep, the parable of the lost coin, and the parable of the lost son (also known as The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother).



Each of them tells of God's heart for all those whom God has created and dearly loves wherever they may be.

In particular, the first parable reveals Jesus' heart to be with that one sheep who is far away from the others.



Jesus will leave the 99 sheep who had remained with him so he can go searching for the one who is separated.

And when he finds that sheep, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and returns to gather his friends and neighbours.



He calls them to celebrate with him because of that one sheep.

Jesus was prepared to leave the 99 to be with the one, because he so dearly loves that one and really doesn't want them to miss out on being with him.



It seems to me that if Jesus was prepared to leave the 99 to be with the one, then we cannot just focus on the 99% of the population that live in cities and towns, mostly near the coast.



We must also share God's love and care and the message of salvation with the 1% who live remotely.



The Australian Government estimates that 86% of the Australian landmass is home to about 2% of the population.

This 86% of the country is described as being remote or very remote.



The role that our Bush Chaplains have, as they minister across vast regions that often have only very small populations, is to share God's love and care to all people, following the lead that Jesus gave in the parables we have read.



Hymn





Prayers of Intercession

Oh Lord, we live in the world of pain and suffering.

We are distressed by the news of wars in our world.



We cannot determine
who is right or who is wrong
because no matter
where we look
we see human suffering.



And many ask
where is God in all this?

From your Word
in Matthew 25, dear Jesus,
we learn where you are:



whenever a child is hungry
and crying – you are there;

whenever a mother weeps
– you are there;

whenever a young man dies
– you are there.



Lord God
we pray for people who live
across remote and isolated
parts of our country,
for people who live on the
land, working hard to provide
the food and resources
we need to sustain our lives.



Lord be with them in their loneliness, their isolation and their daily challenges.

We pray for people who have been impacted by floods, cyclones, droughts and fires across this vast nation.



As people make difficult decisions to stay or to leave, to rebuild or to move on, as they replant crops, rebuild herds, start again, we pray they would know your love, your comfort and your strength.



**Uphold our Bush Chaplains
and the volunteers who travel
to support people in their
times of need.**

**May we too be people always
willing to turn up, have a chat,
offer a helping hand and walk
alongside those in need.**



We pray for people and
concerns in our own
community



Lord Jesus Christ

– help us to be where you are
and help the helpless
in our community and
beyond.

Amen

Offering

Lord God,
we bring our offerings to you
this day out of gratitude for
your blessings to us
and for all we have received.



We pray that they might be
used so that all people,
especially those in remote
corners of this country,
may know your love,
your comfort and your peace.

Amen



Hymn



Words of Mission and Sending Out

Like the sun rises on coastland,
mountain areas or inland,
May the warmth
of your love fire up our hearts,
That we may be
and bear your blessing to all.





Blessing

**Bless us with all that we need
With good people to share the
journey**

**With those who encourage us
towards love and good works.**



May your peace rest in our
spirits like the deep stillness
of the desert

May your purpose move in us
like fresh winds
across the plains



May your faith
move us to do great things
like the power of tides
or rushing waters



May your way be planted firmly
and strongly in our hearts
like the powerful shapes
of rock and stone
across the country



May your blessing
fill our hearts,
That we might share it with all.

Amen

Thank you



The only reason we are able to go beyond the furthest fence to help people in rural Australia, is because of people like you.





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"My husband Fred and I left a gift in our Will so Frontier Services can continue into the future. We want to help keep Frontier Services running because it's so necessary," - Meron.

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Hymn Lyric Slides



- Hymn lyrics for the suggested hymns are contained on the following Slides:
 - **Frontier Services dedicated songs**
 - Slides **112-125**: Centenary Song of Praise
 - Slides **126-132**: Mantle of Safety
 - **Together in Song suggested songs** **depending on your relevant CCLI license*
 - Slides **133-146**: 166 - Cosmic Praise (Sing a new song)
 - Slides **147-153**: 188 - Where wide sky rolls down and touched red sand
 - Slides **154-155**: 253 - O Lord Jesus Marrakapmirr
 - Slides **156-161**: 672 - Lord of earth and all creation

Frontier Services Centenary Song of Praise

Words and Music created especially for
Frontier Services by Rev David MacGregor

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Here's a story birthed by pioneers
By Flynn, McKay and more
The sharing of Christ's love with inland's heart



**By air, by road, at station home
across this great south land
Frontier's touched one hundred years so far**

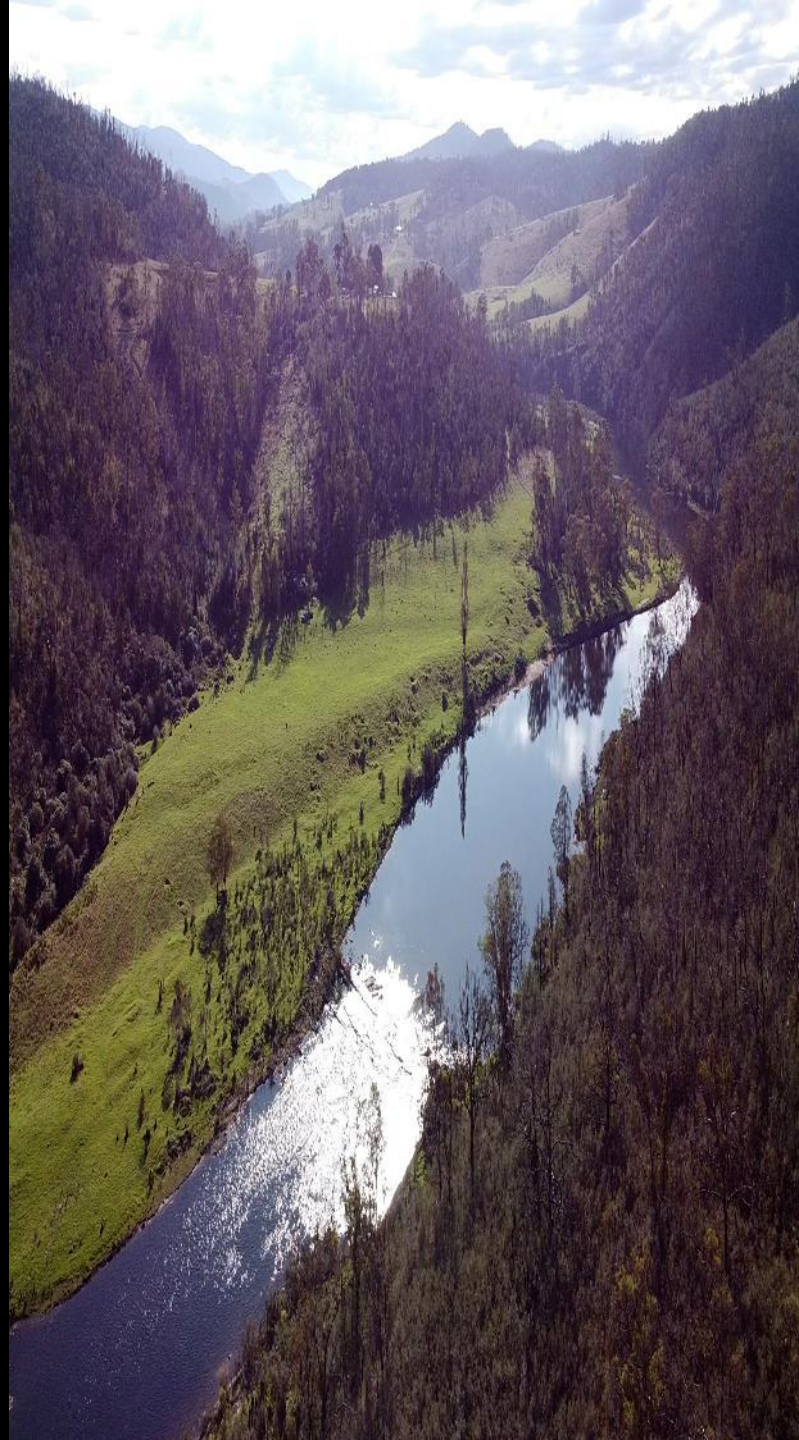


Chorus:

*Right across this sunburnt country
Marked by droughts
and flooding rains
with faces,
places off the beaten track:*



*in mercy's name
God's outback mission
keeps on bringing hope
and health and light
God's "mantle of safety"
'cross this land tonight*



It's the story of special people
resilient; of rugged hope
Yet times come



when resilience struggles too.
When remoteness seems to
overwhelm;

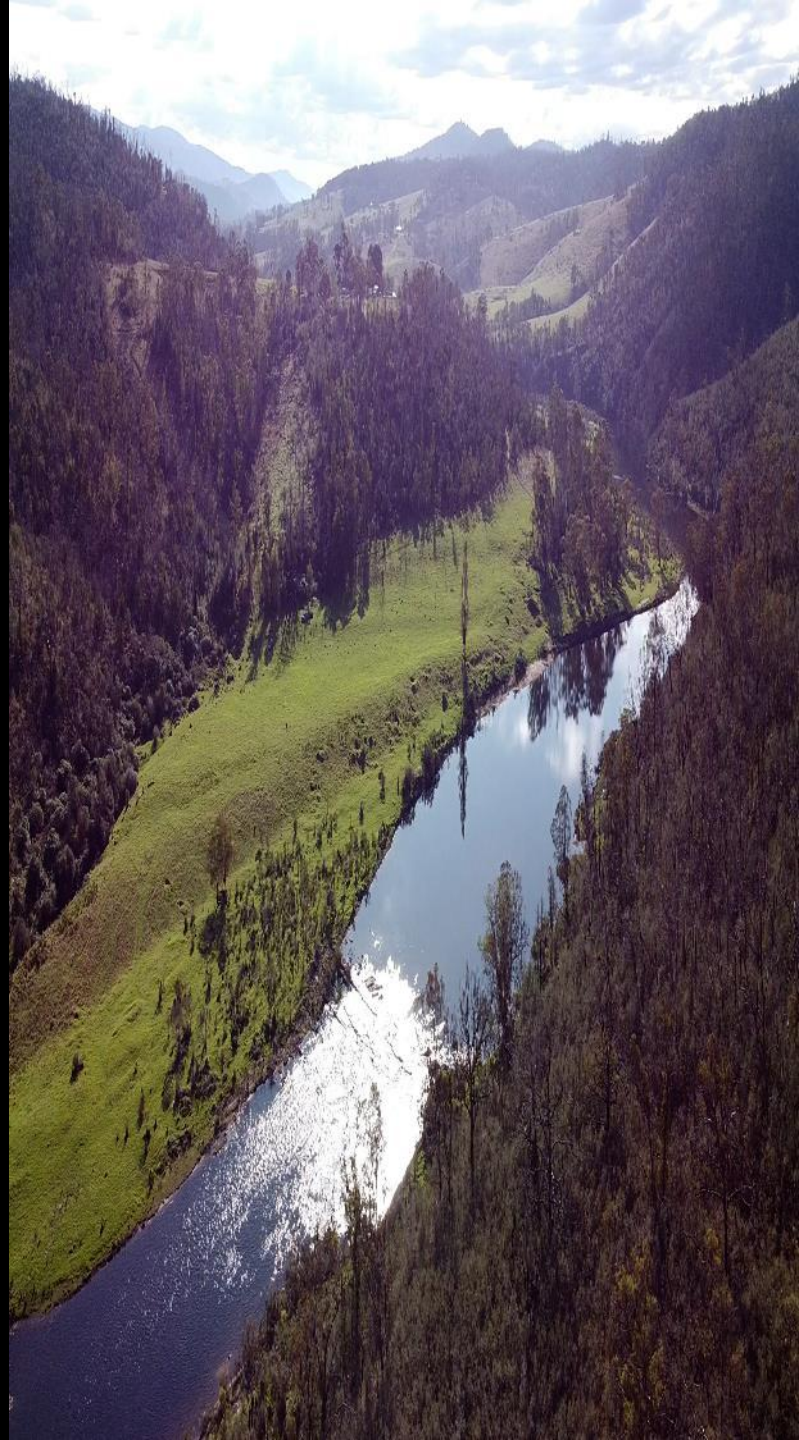


community comes hard
“Flynn of the Inland’s”
legacy shines through



Chorus:

*Right across this sunburnt country
Marked by droughts
and flooding rains
with faces,
places off the beaten track:*



*in mercy's name
God's outback mission
keeps on bringing hope
and health and light
God's "mantle of safety"
'cross this land tonight'*



**And the story journeys onwards
Join hundreds serving now
We offer hand and heart and voice;
God's grace**

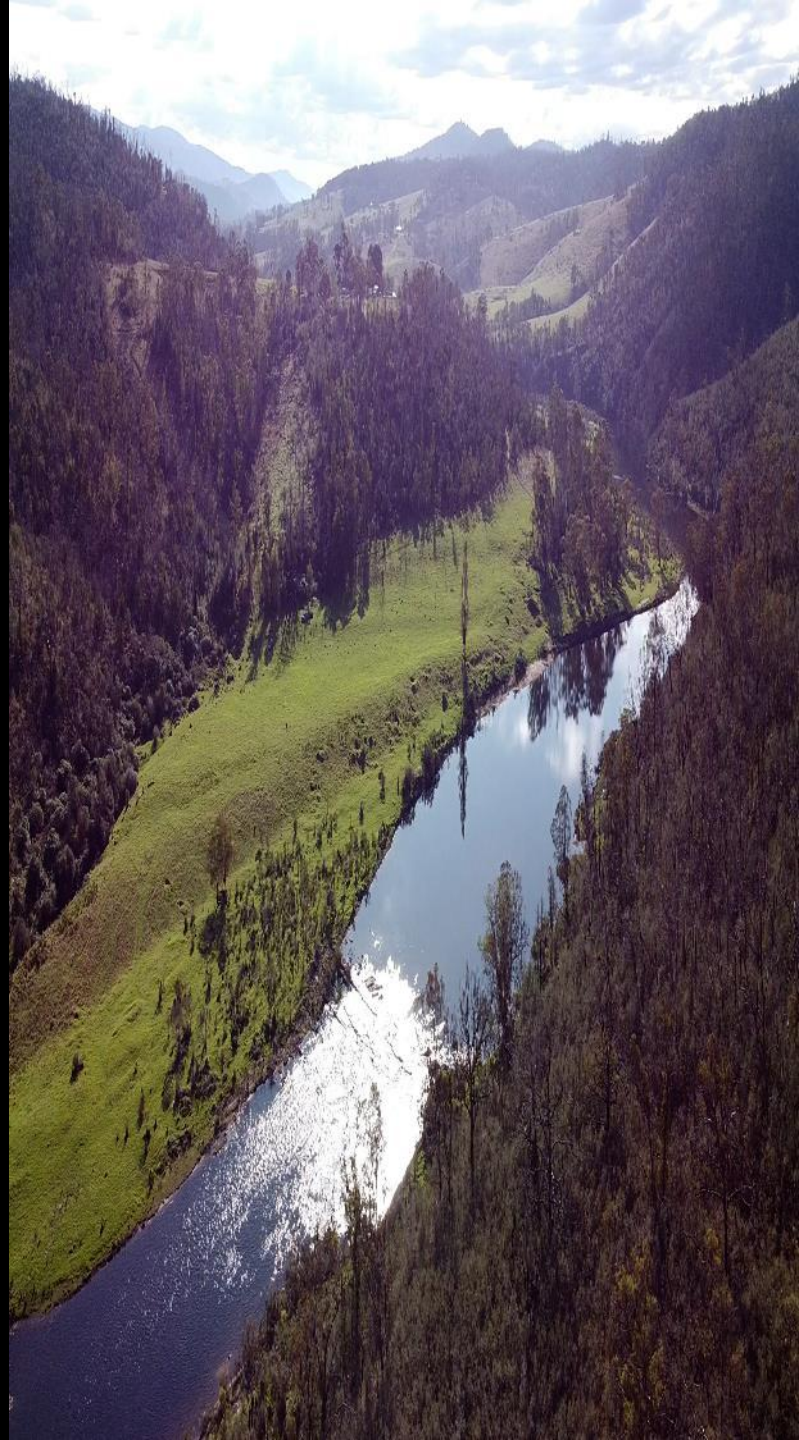


**With the outback people we will stand
With their spirit, we rejoice
We celebrate the nation's Frontier voice**



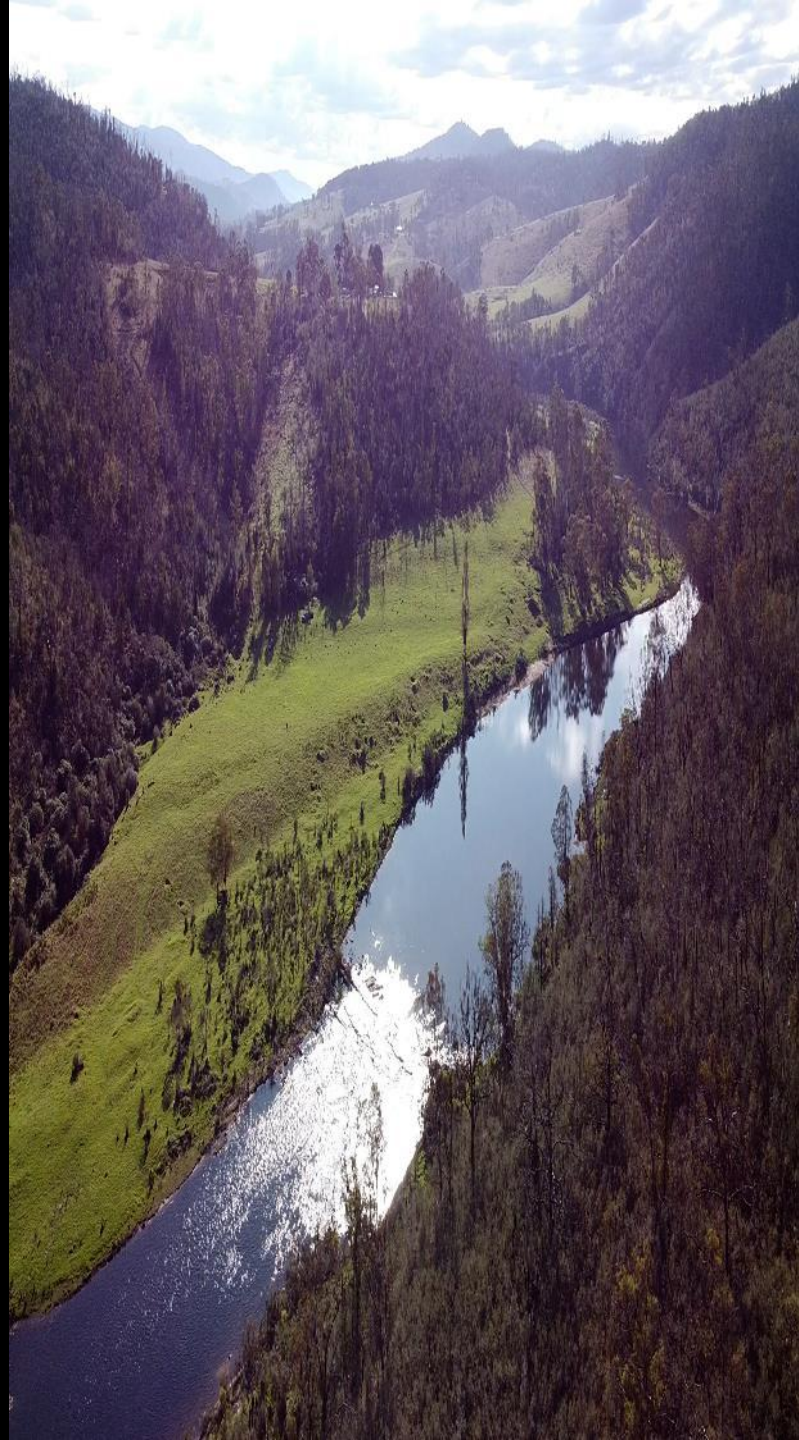
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HYMN: Mantle of Safety

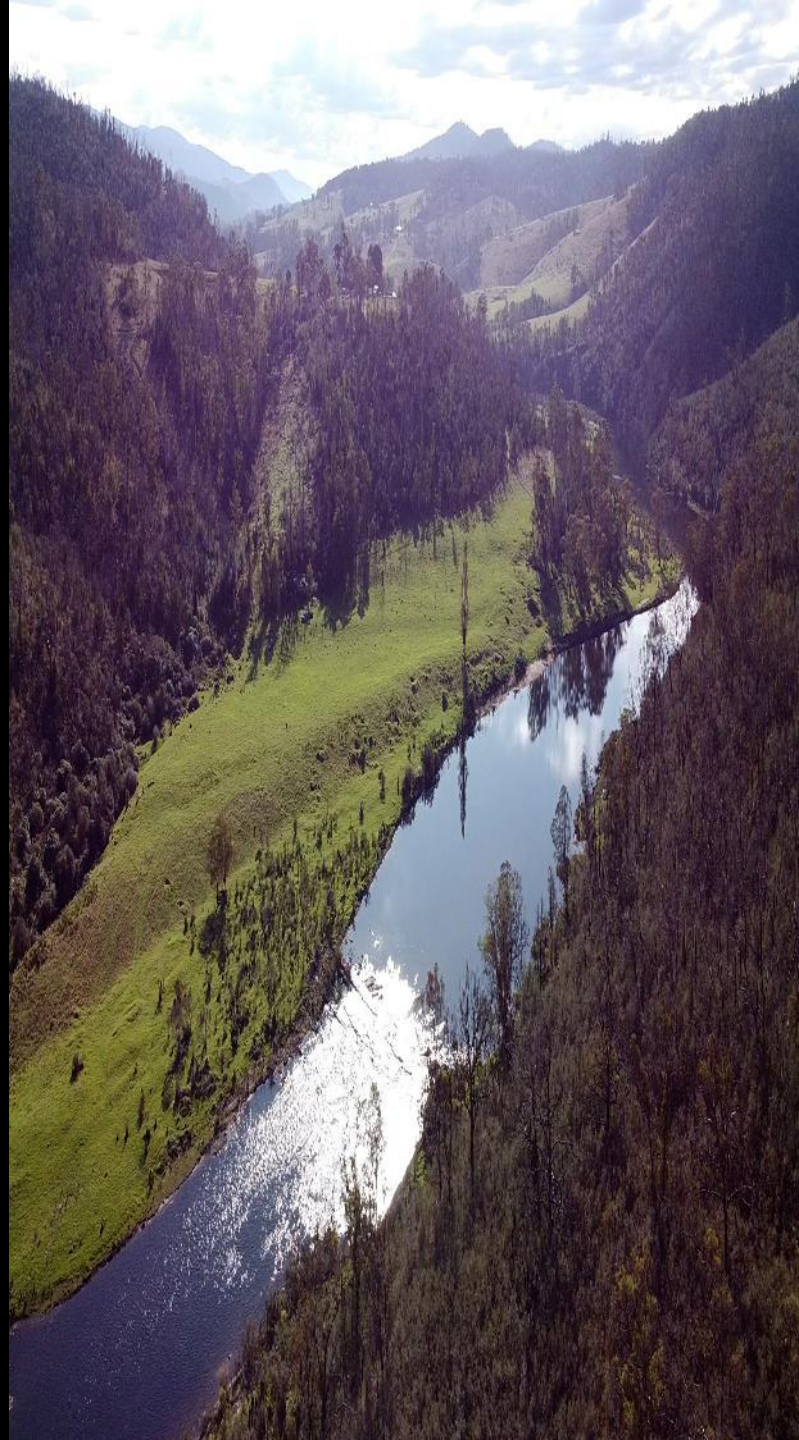
Words and Music created especially for
Frontier Services by Bush Chaplain Pastor Lindsay Ginn

Desert wind
Scorching heat
On a mission of hope

Journey slow
Loneliness
Hardship on every side



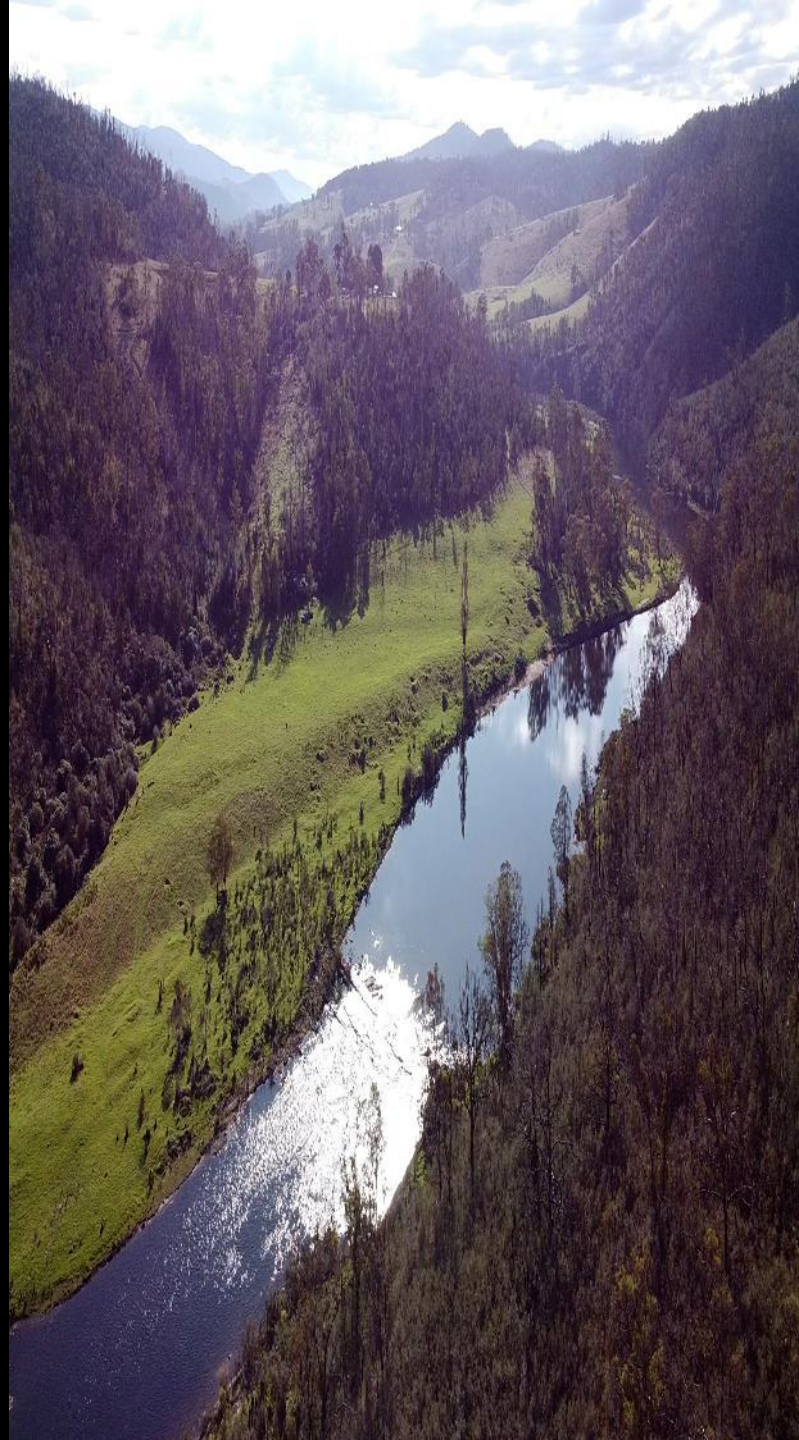
Reverend Flynn
Chose to begin
making a mantle of safety
Changing life
for those in the bush
Obeying God's call for his life



The dream carries on
Where others have gone
Bush Chaplains keep it alive
Day after day
Out on the road
Standing with those in the bush



**It's no easy task
Why? You might ask...
Why bring a mantle of safety?
Because life's still hard
For those in the bush
And we are committed to help**

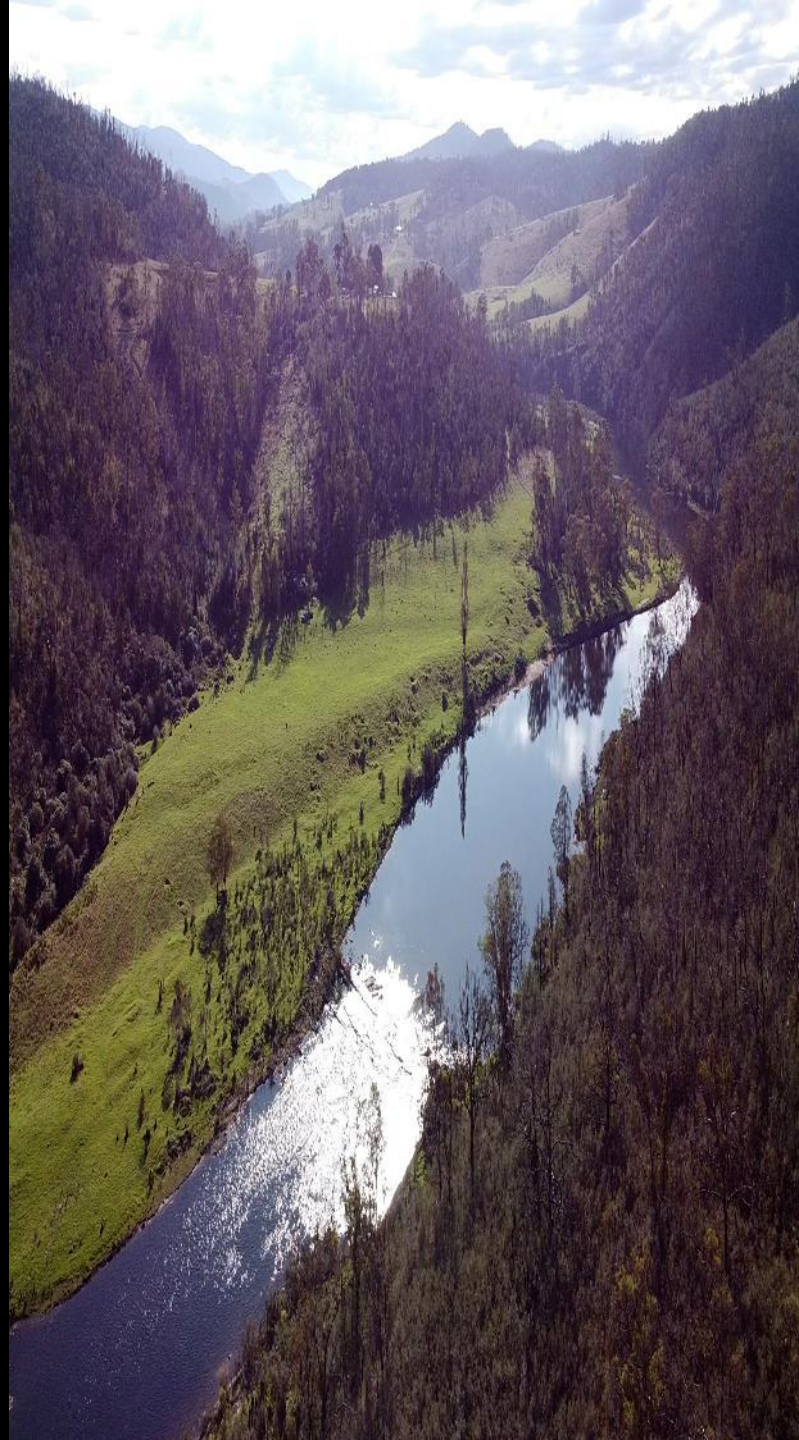


A family in need
The hungry to feed
Helping out after disaster

A listening ear
Sharing a tear
Hearing the stories they tell



Reverend Flynn
Chose to begin
Making a mantle of safety
The mantle's still there
Because we all care
Standing with those in the bush



*Cosmic Praise (Sing a new song) –
Richard Connolly*

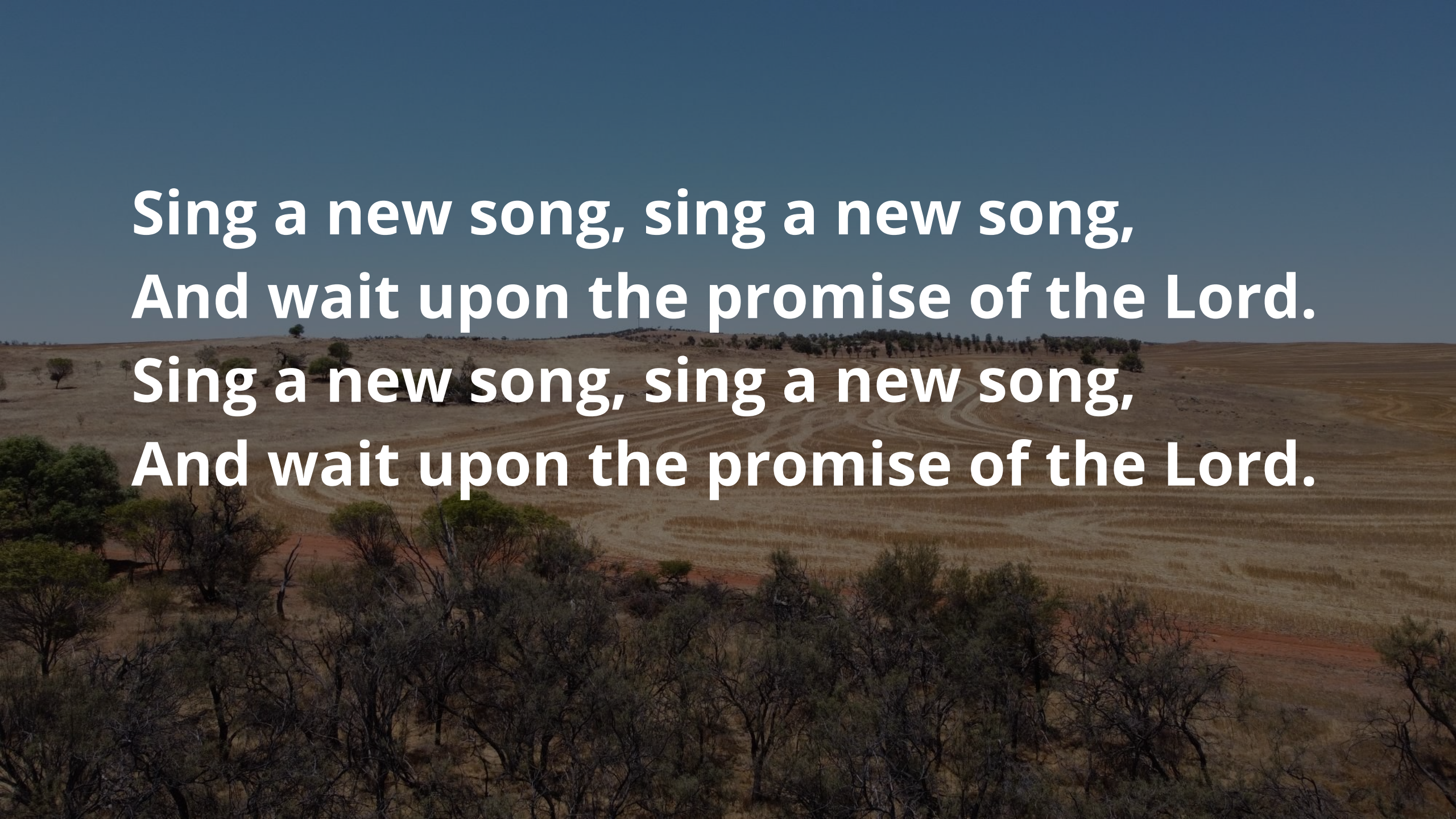
Refrain.

Sing a new song, sing a new song,

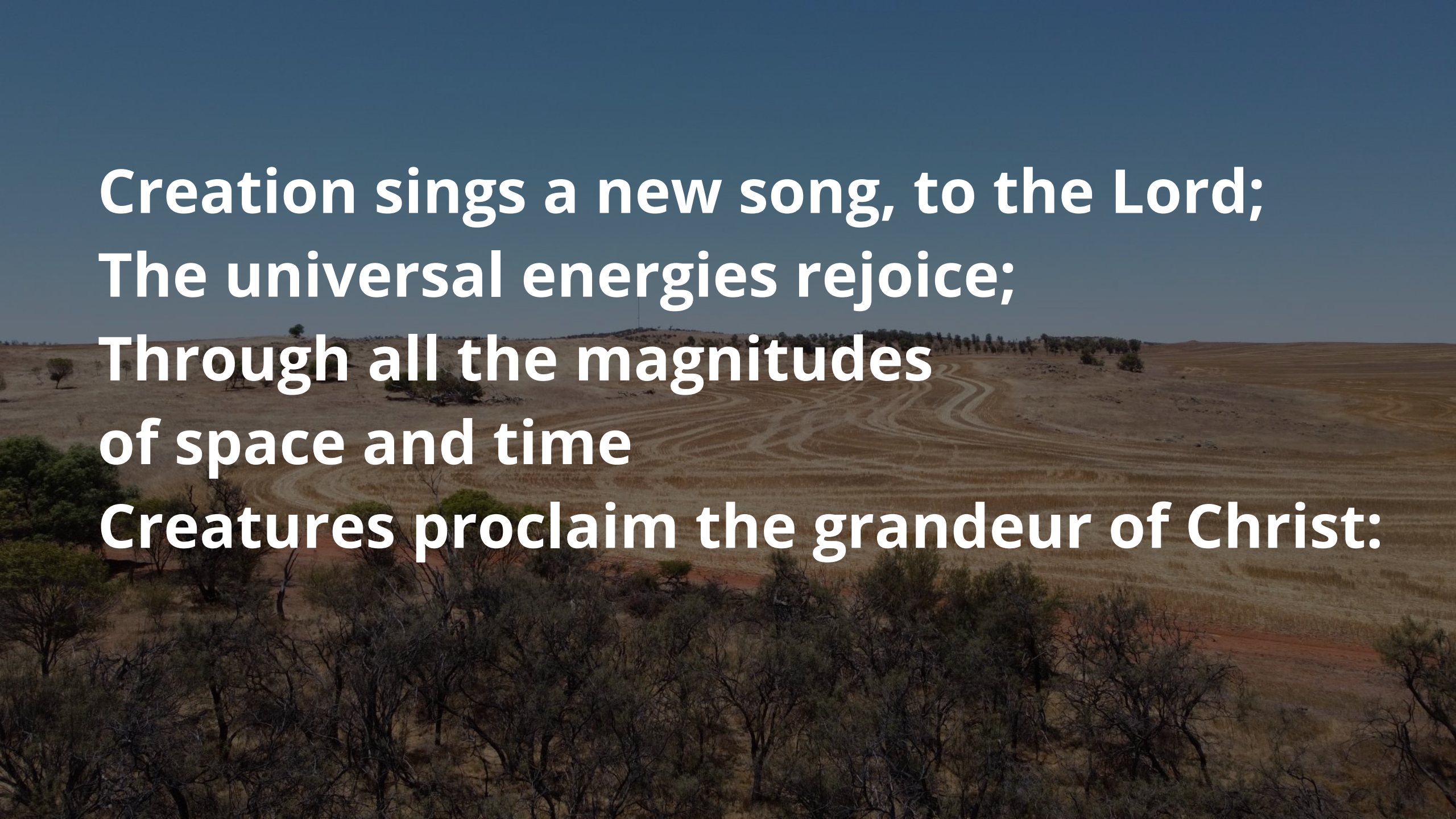
And wait upon the promise of the Lord.

Sing a new song, sing a new song,

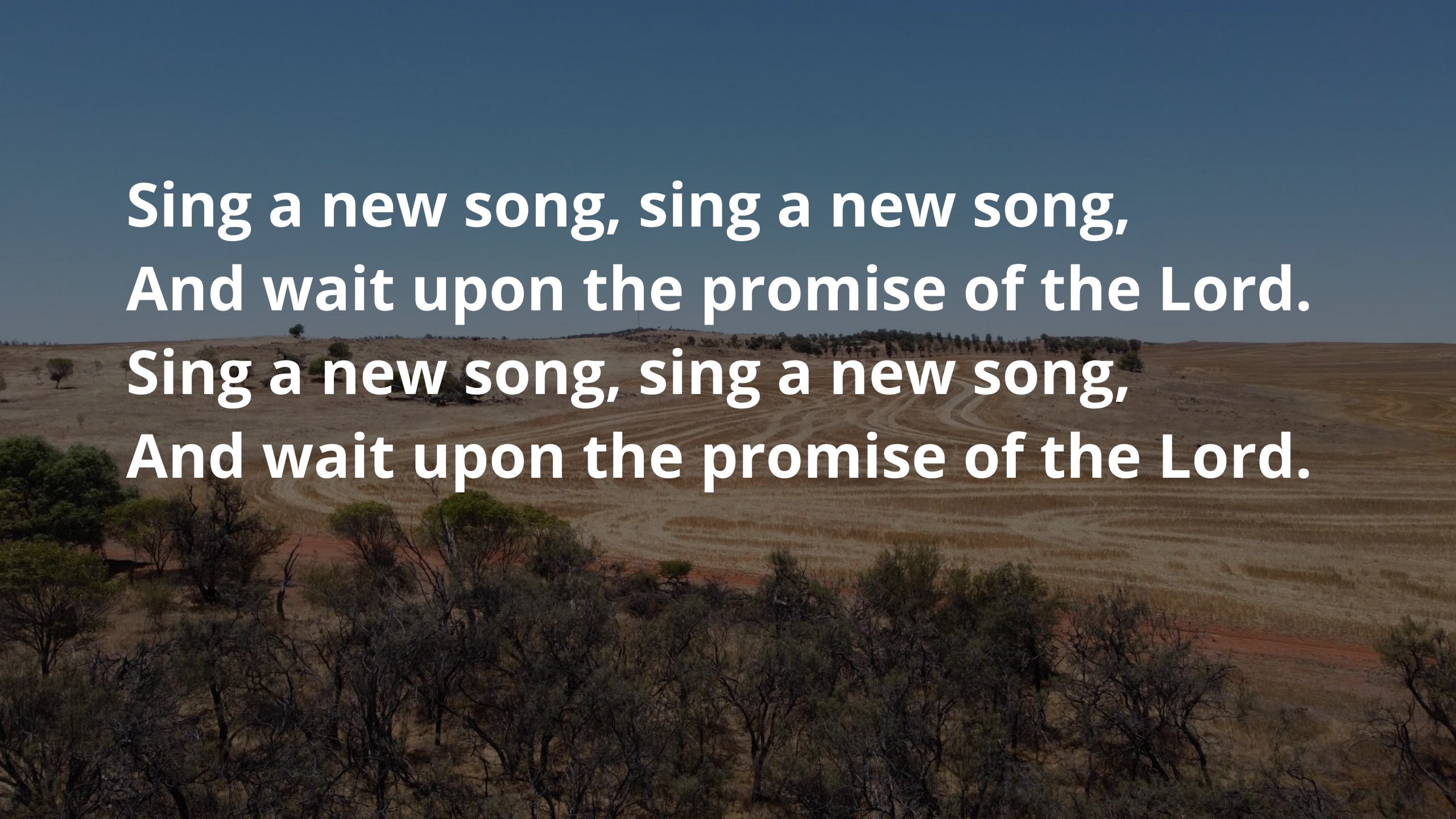
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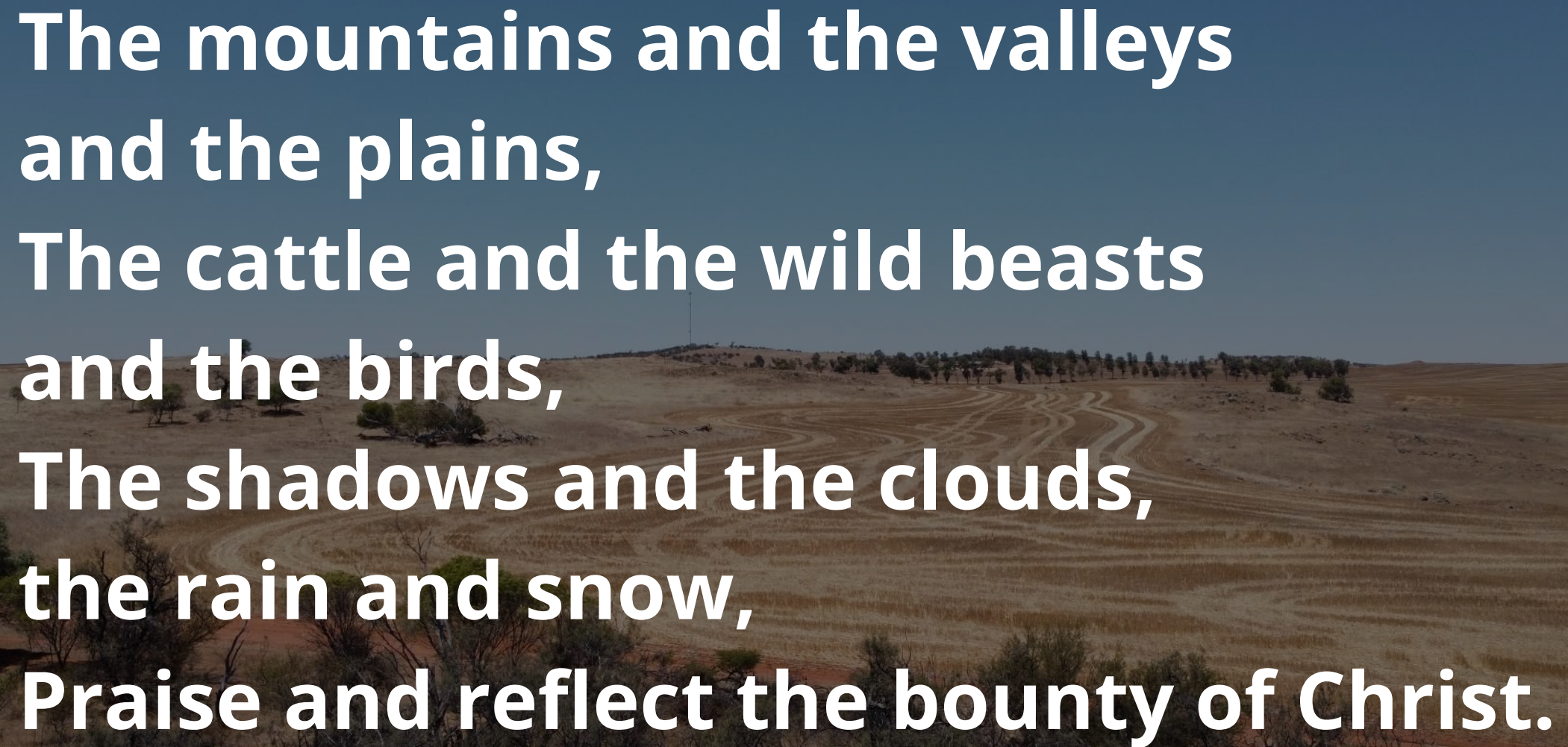
**Sing a new song, sing a new song,
And wait upon the promise of the Lord.
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And wait upon the promise of the Lord.**



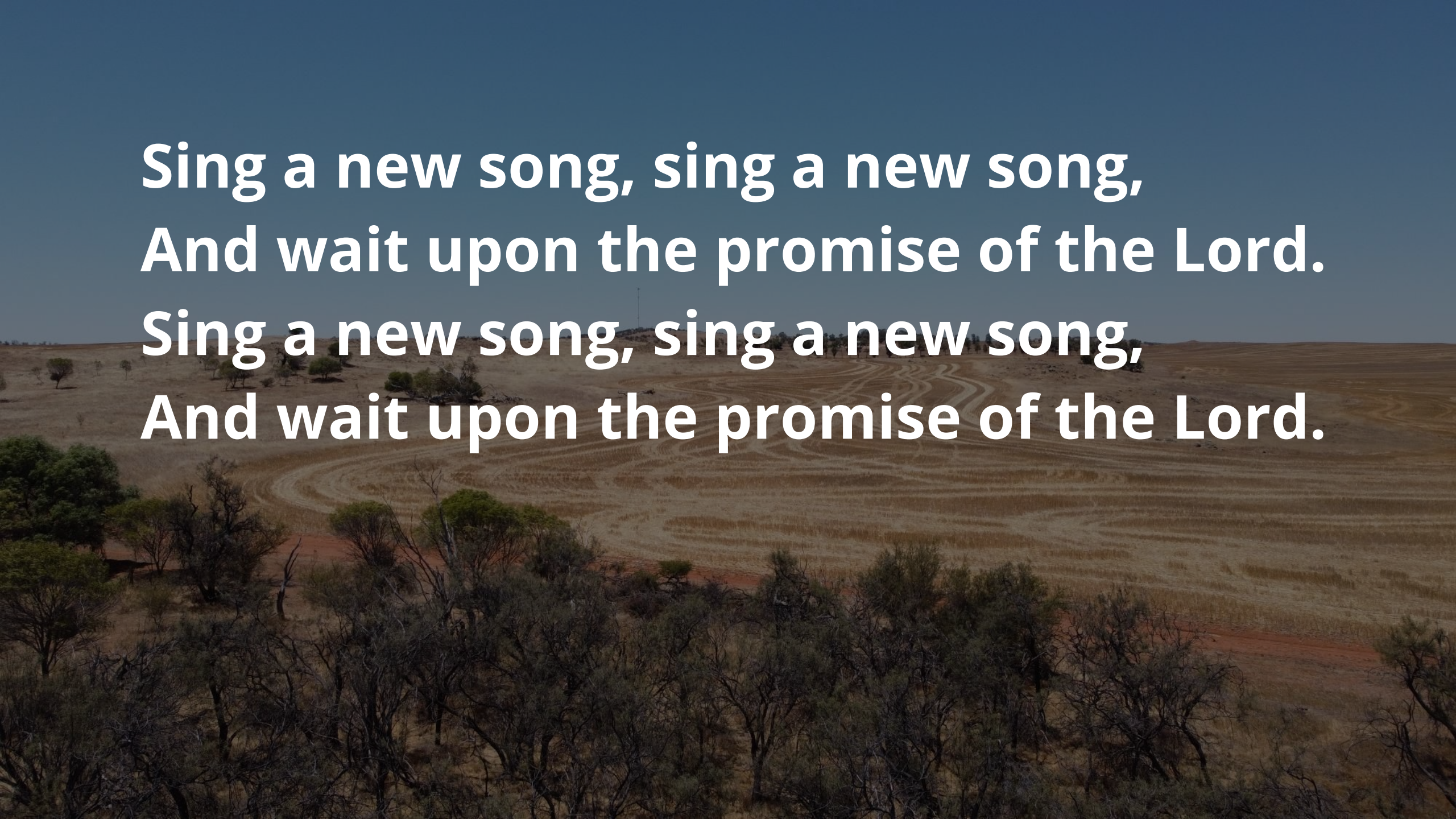
**Creation sings a new song, to the Lord;
The universal energies rejoice;
Through all the magnitudes
of space and time
Creatures proclaim the grandeur of Christ:**

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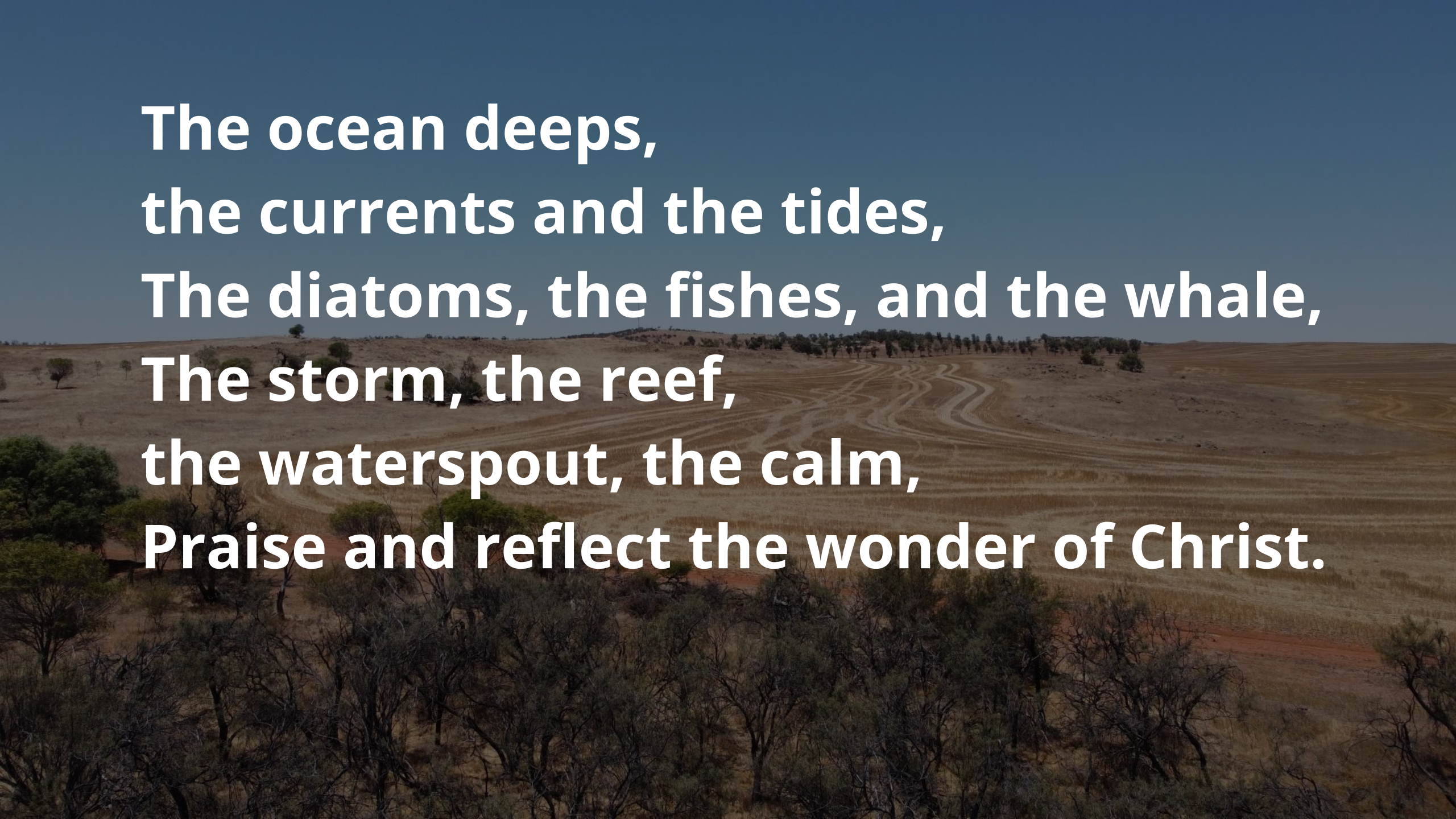
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And wait upon the promise of the Lord.
Sing a new song, sing a new song,
And wait upon the promise of the Lord.**



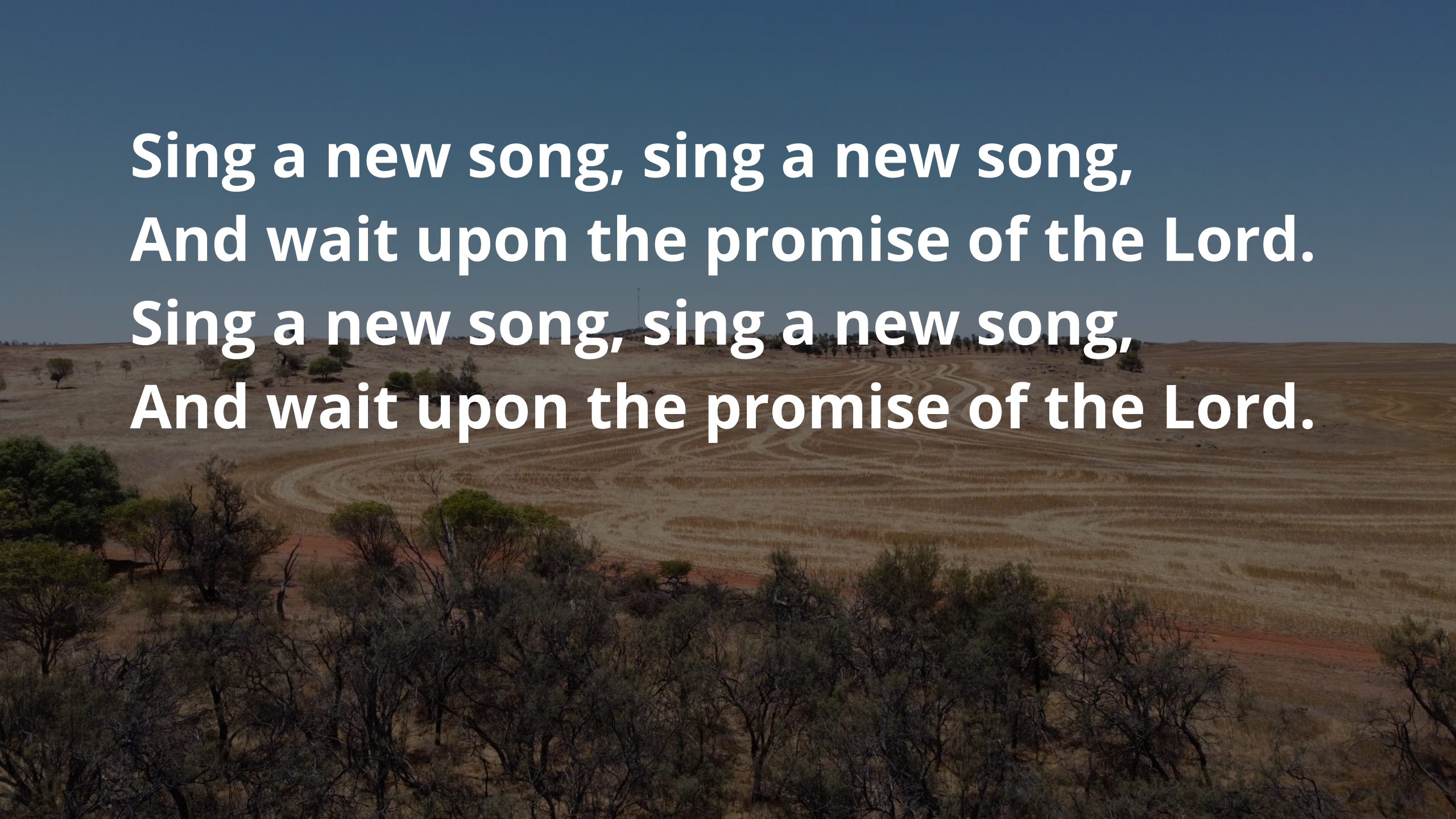
**The mountains and the valleys
and the plains,
The cattle and the wild beasts
and the birds,
The shadows and the clouds,
the rain and snow,
Praise and reflect the bounty of Christ.**

A landscape photograph showing a winding dirt road through a field of dry, golden-brown grass. The road curves from the foreground towards the horizon. There are several scattered trees, some with green foliage and others that are bare or dark. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

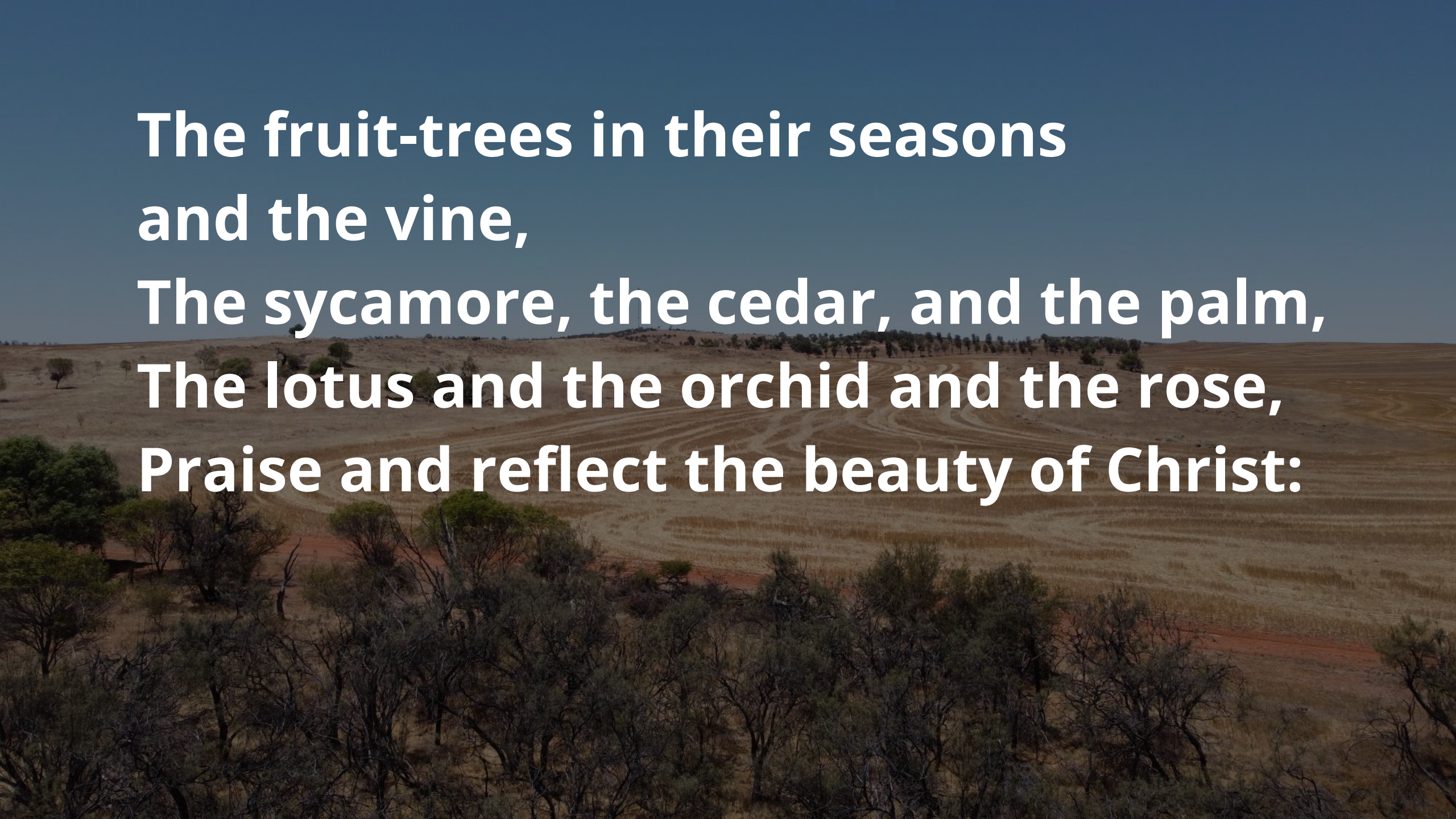
**Sing a new song, sing a new song,
And wait upon the promise of the Lord.
Sing a new song, sing a new song,
And wait upon the promise of the Lord.**

A landscape of rolling hills with sparse trees and a clear sky. The foreground is filled with dark, leafless trees, while the middle ground shows a field of dry grass with winding paths. The background features a line of trees on a ridge under a clear blue sky.

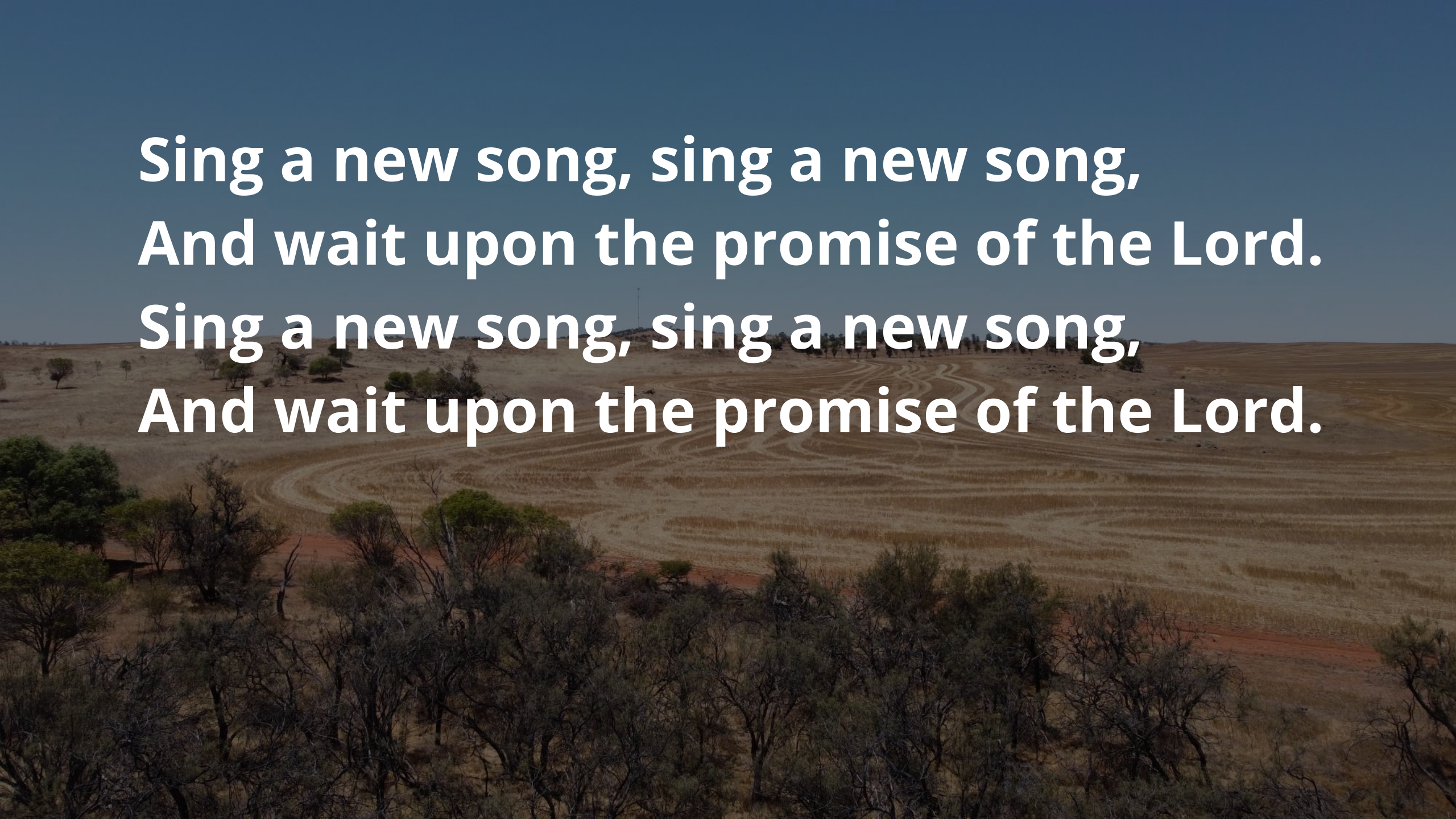
**The ocean deeps,
the currents and the tides,
The diatoms, the fishes, and the whale,
The storm, the reef,
the waterspout, the calm,
Praise and reflect the wonder of Christ.**

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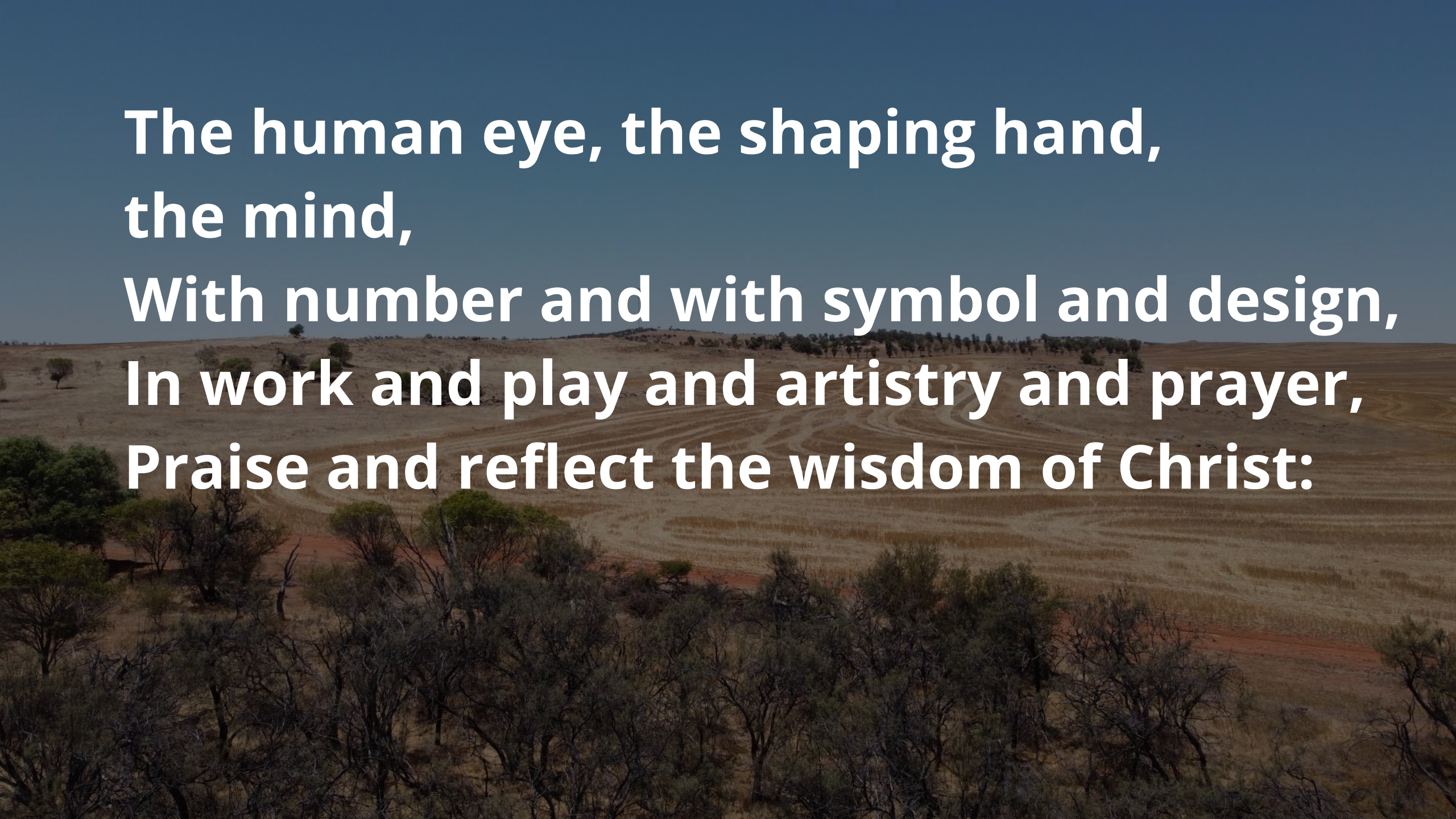
**Sing a new song, sing a new song,
And wait upon the promise of the Lord.
Sing a new song, sing a new song,
And wait upon the promise of the Lord.**



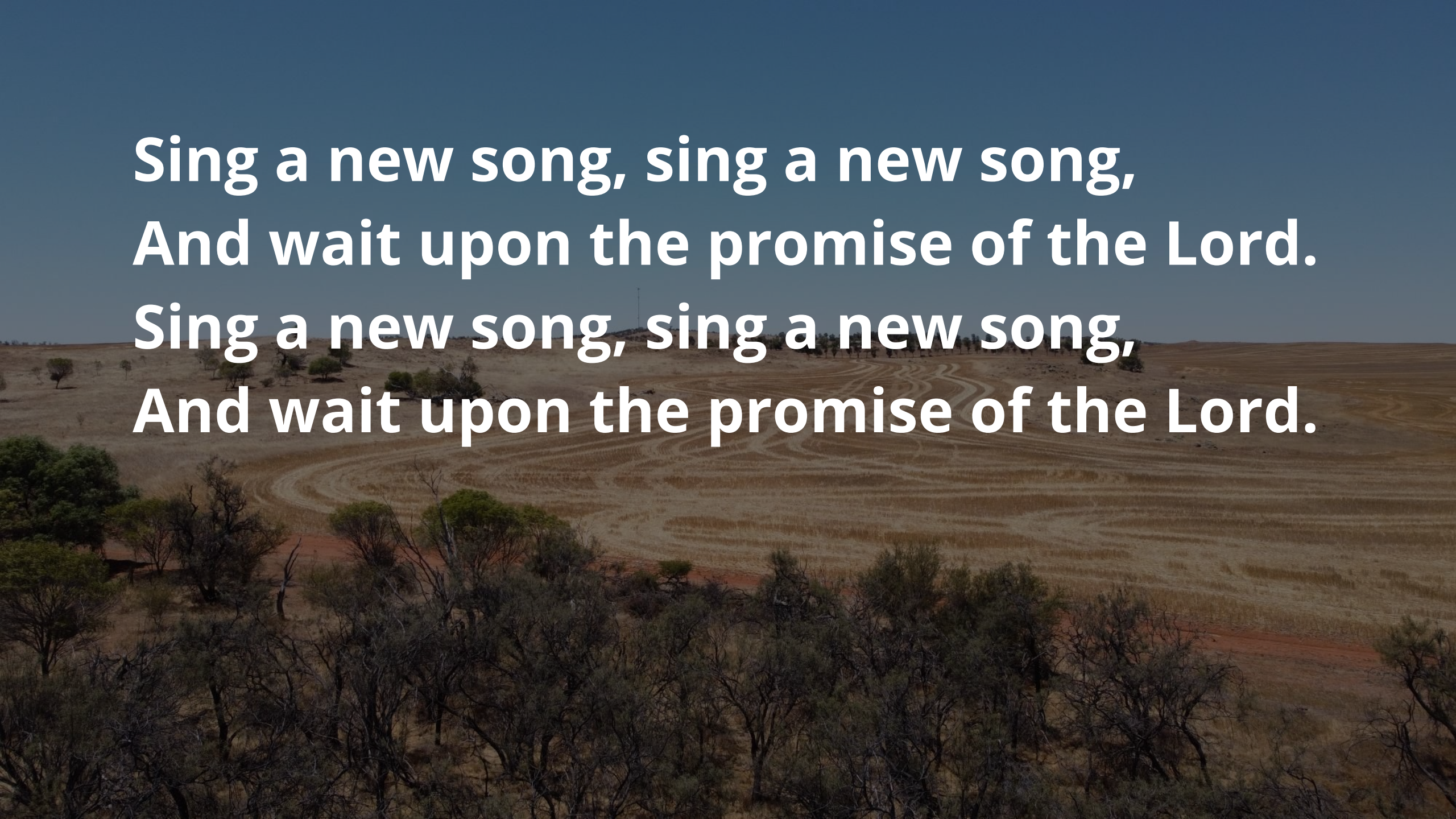
**The fruit-trees in their seasons
and the vine,
The sycamore, the cedar, and the palm,
The lotus and the orchid and the rose,
Praise and reflect the beauty of Christ:**

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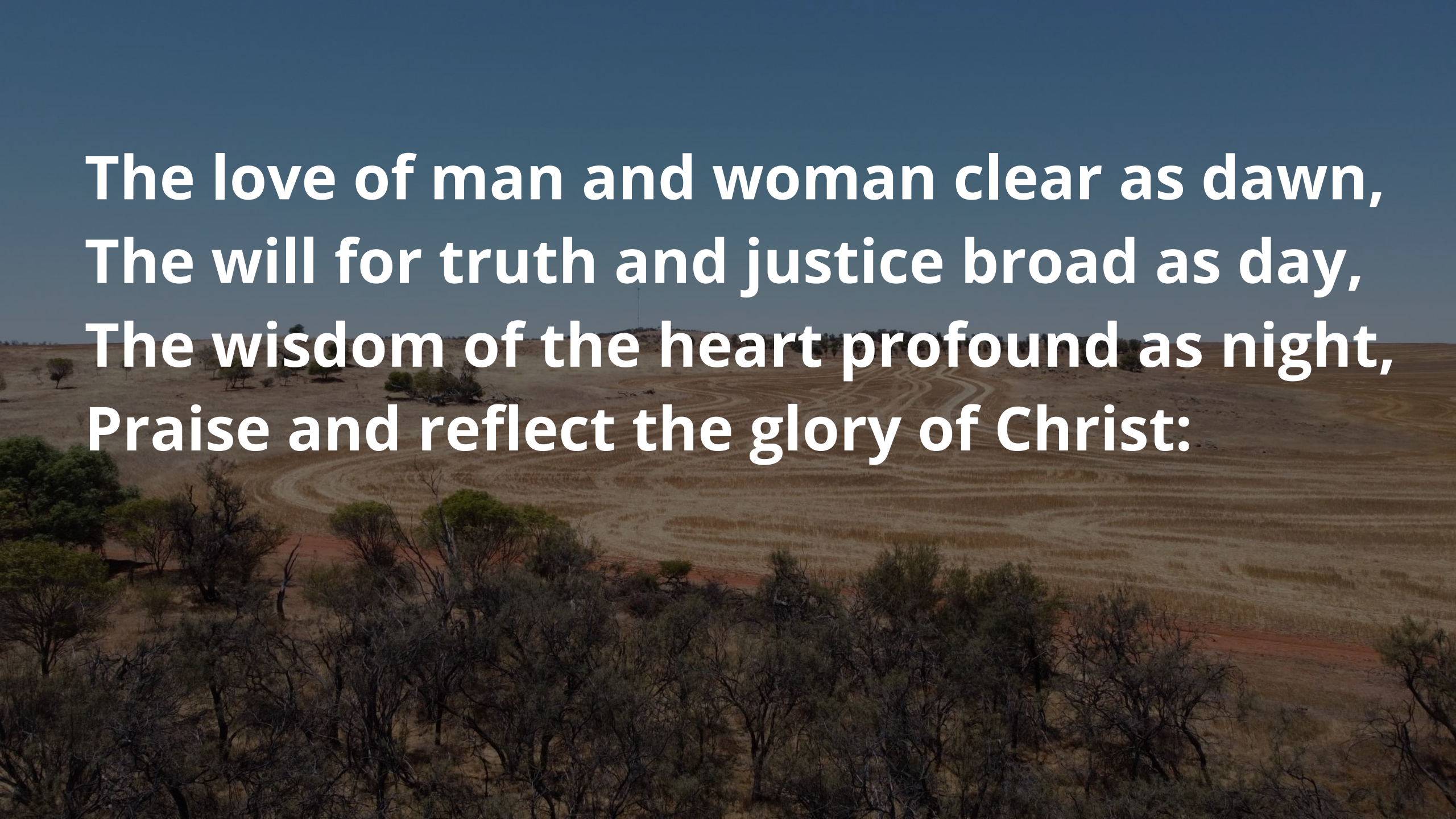
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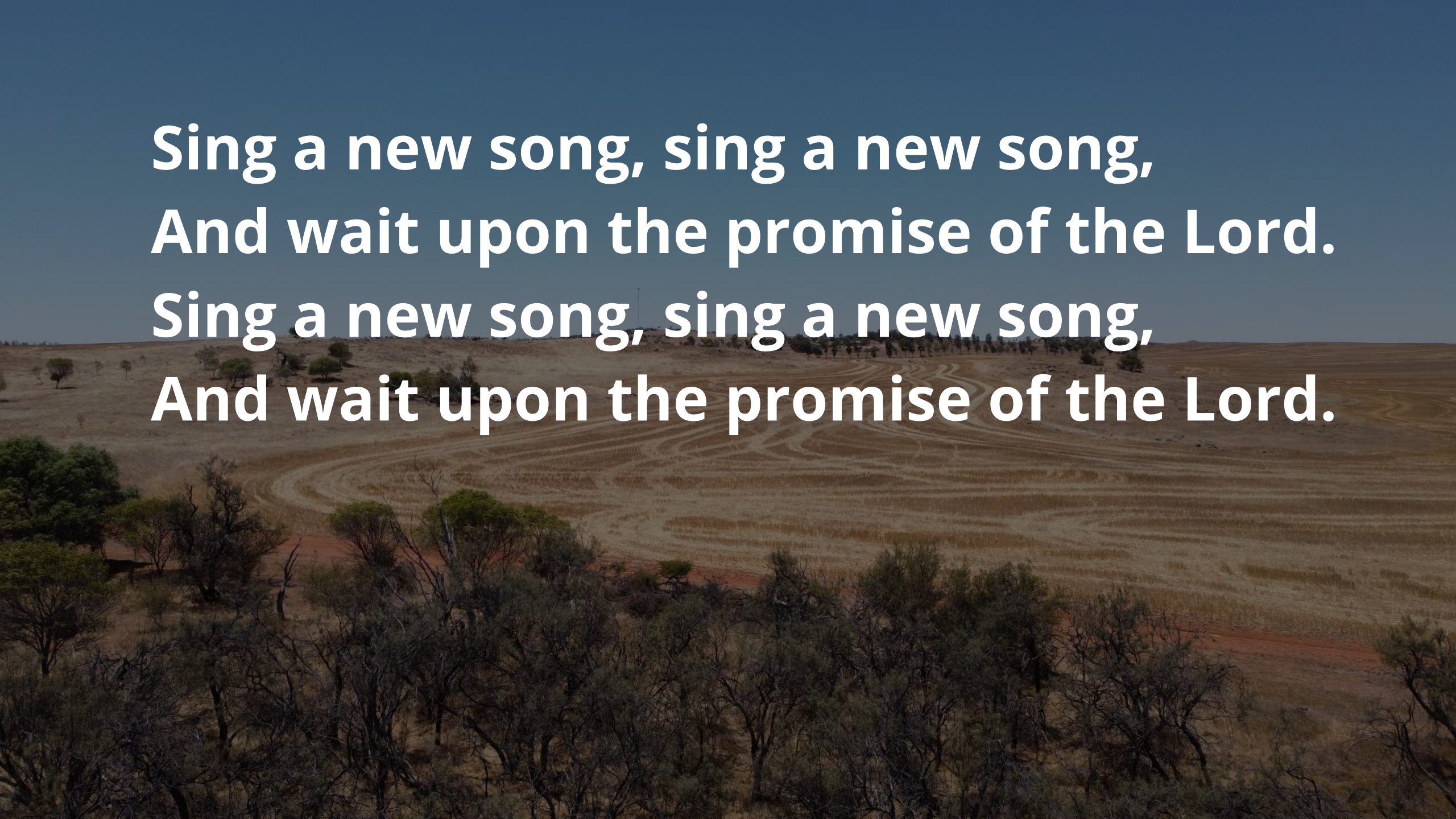
**The human eye, the shaping hand,
the mind,
With number and with symbol and design,
In work and play and artistry and prayer,
Praise and reflect the wisdom of Christ:**

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An aerial photograph of a dry, hilly landscape. The terrain is brown and arid, with sparse, dark green trees and shrubs scattered across the hills. A winding dirt road or path is visible, curving through the middle of the scene. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall atmosphere is one of vastness and quiet solitude.

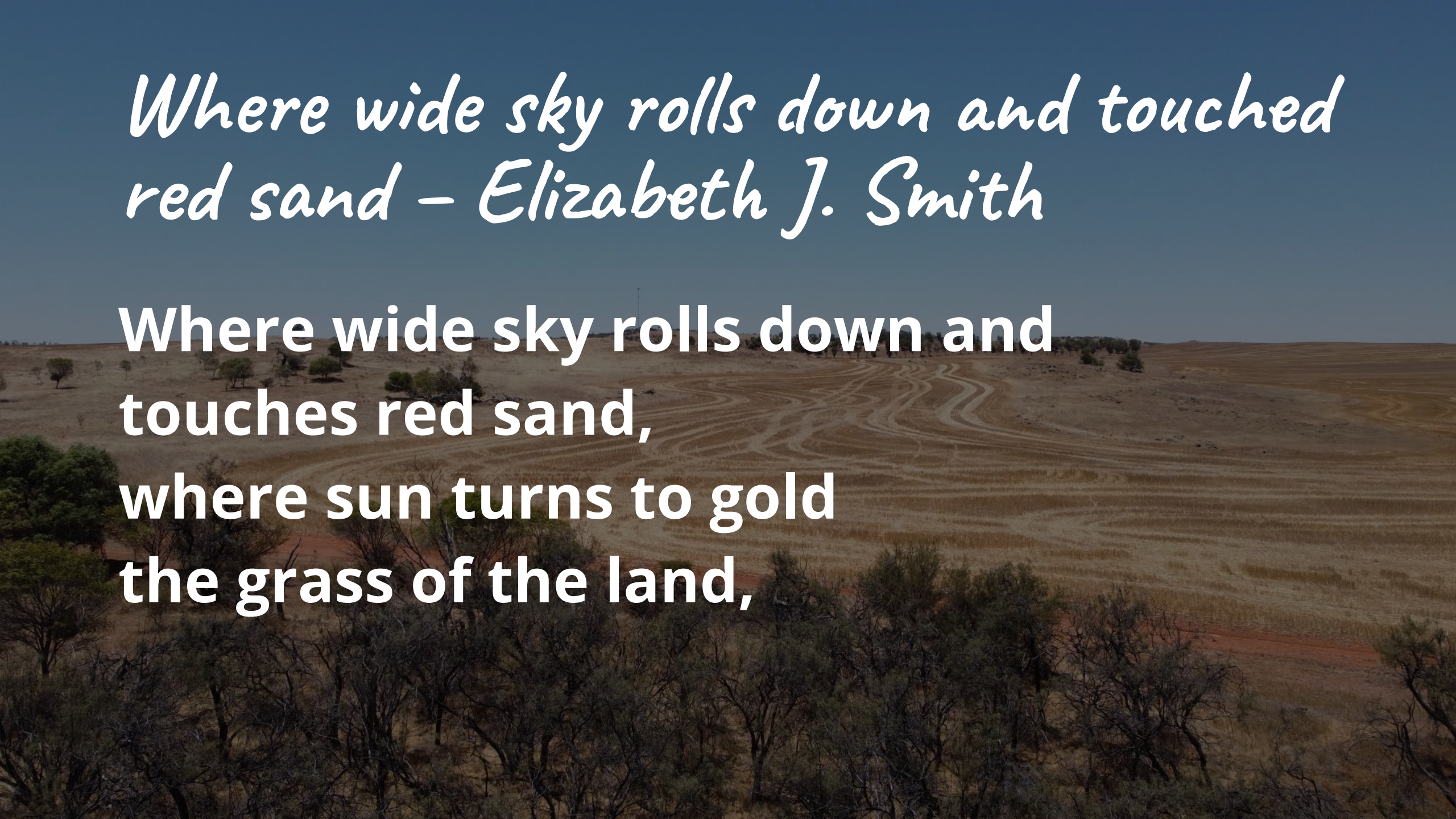
**The love of man and woman clear as dawn,
The will for truth and justice broad as day,
The wisdom of the heart profound as night,
Praise and reflect the glory of Christ:**

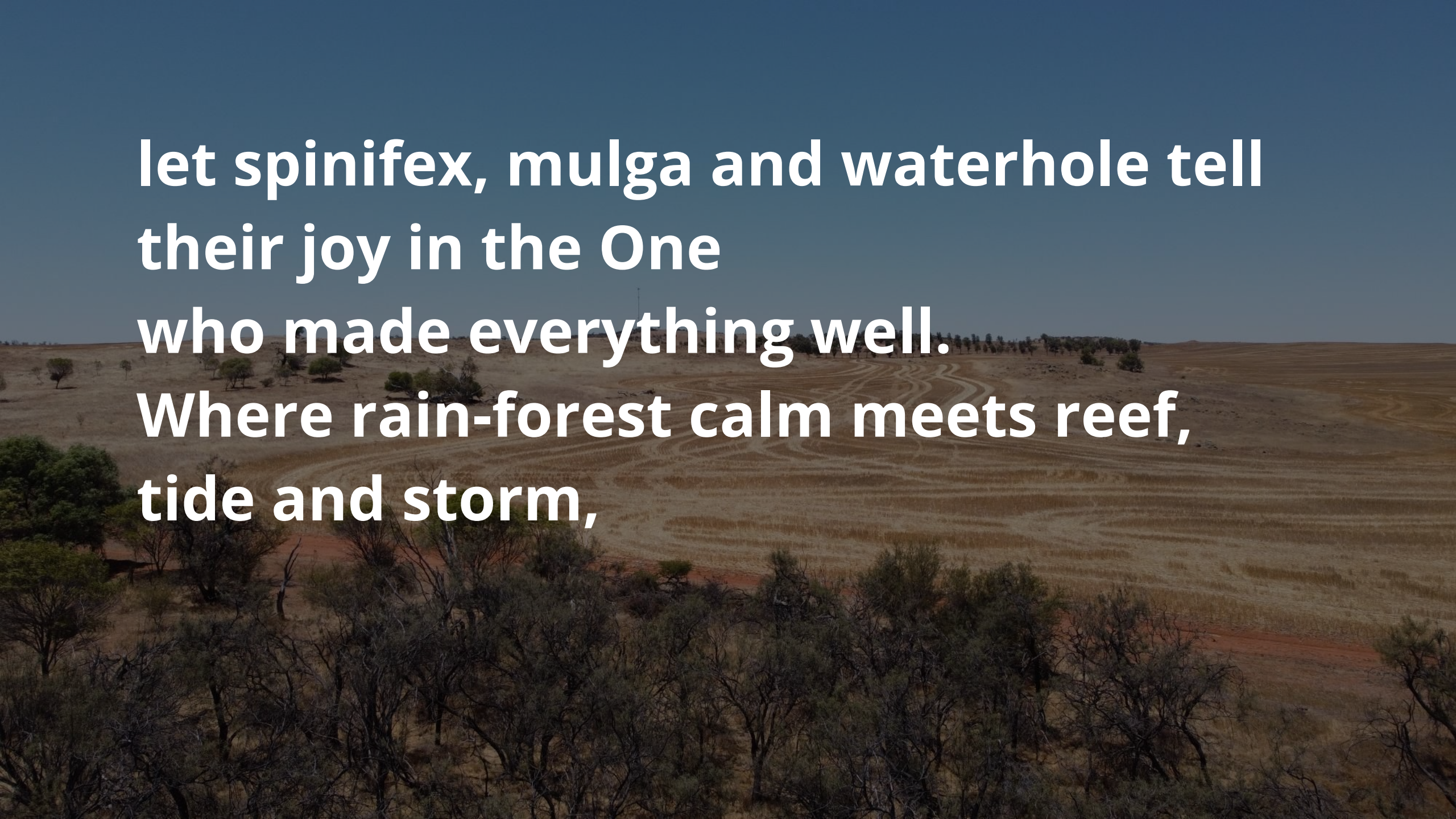
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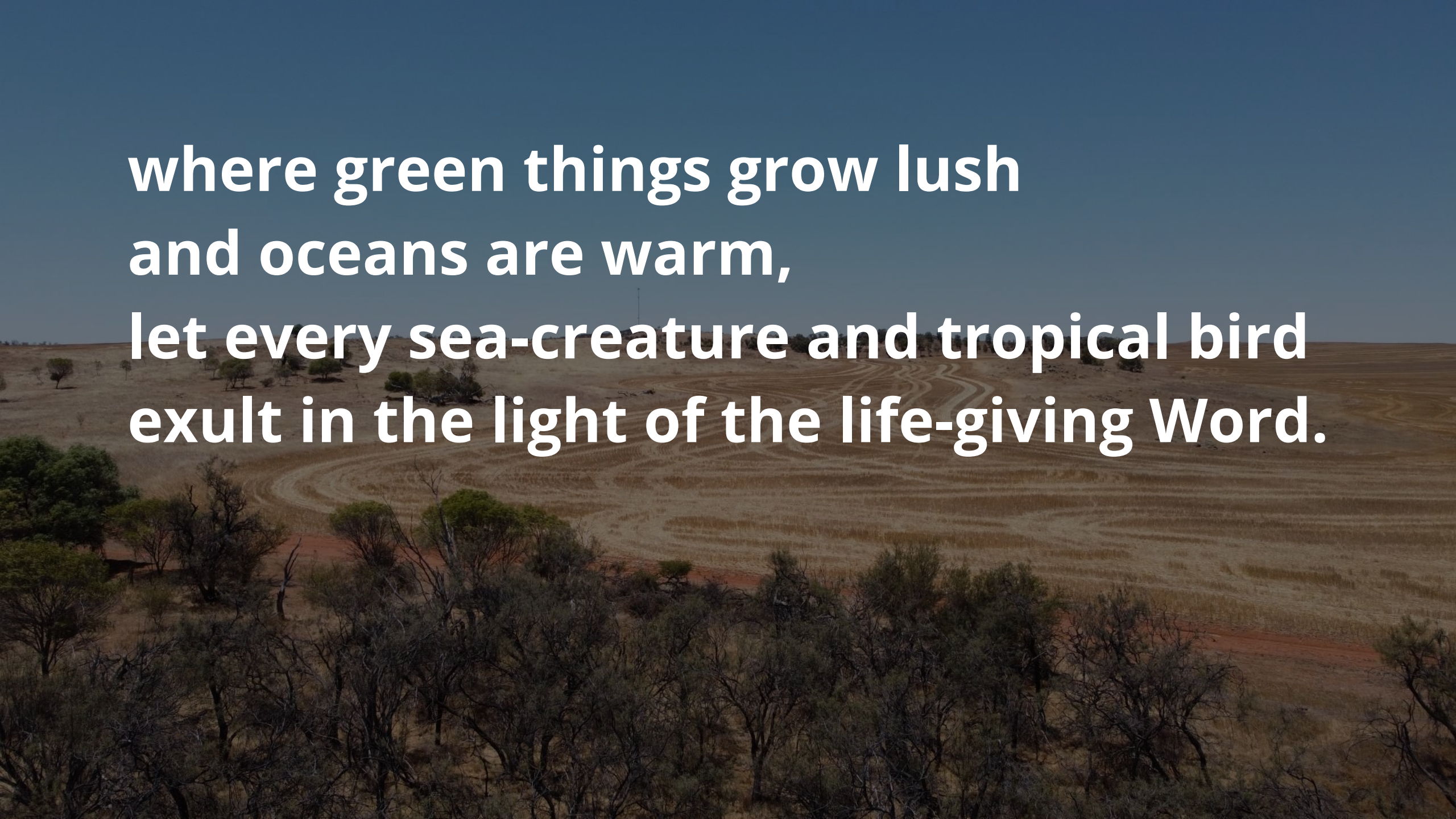
*Where wide sky rolls down and touched
red sand – Elizabeth J. Smith*

**Where wide sky rolls down and
touches red sand,
where sun turns to gold
the grass of the land,**



A landscape photograph of a dry, open plain. The foreground is filled with dark, scrubby trees and bushes. A winding dirt road or path leads from the foreground towards the horizon. The middle ground is a vast, flat expanse of dry, brownish-yellow earth with scattered, small trees. The sky is a clear, deep blue. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell
their joy in the One
who made everything well.
Where rain-forest calm meets reef,
tide and storm,**

A landscape photograph showing a dirt road winding through a field of sparse, dry trees and bushes. The sky is clear and blue. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold font.

**where green things grow lush
and oceans are warm,
let every sea-creature and tropical bird
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.**

**Where red gum and creek cross
hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise
to welcome the rain,**



A landscape photograph of a dry, open field with sparse trees and a winding dirt road under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**let bushland, farm, mountain-top,
all of their days
delight in the Spirit
who formed them for praise.**



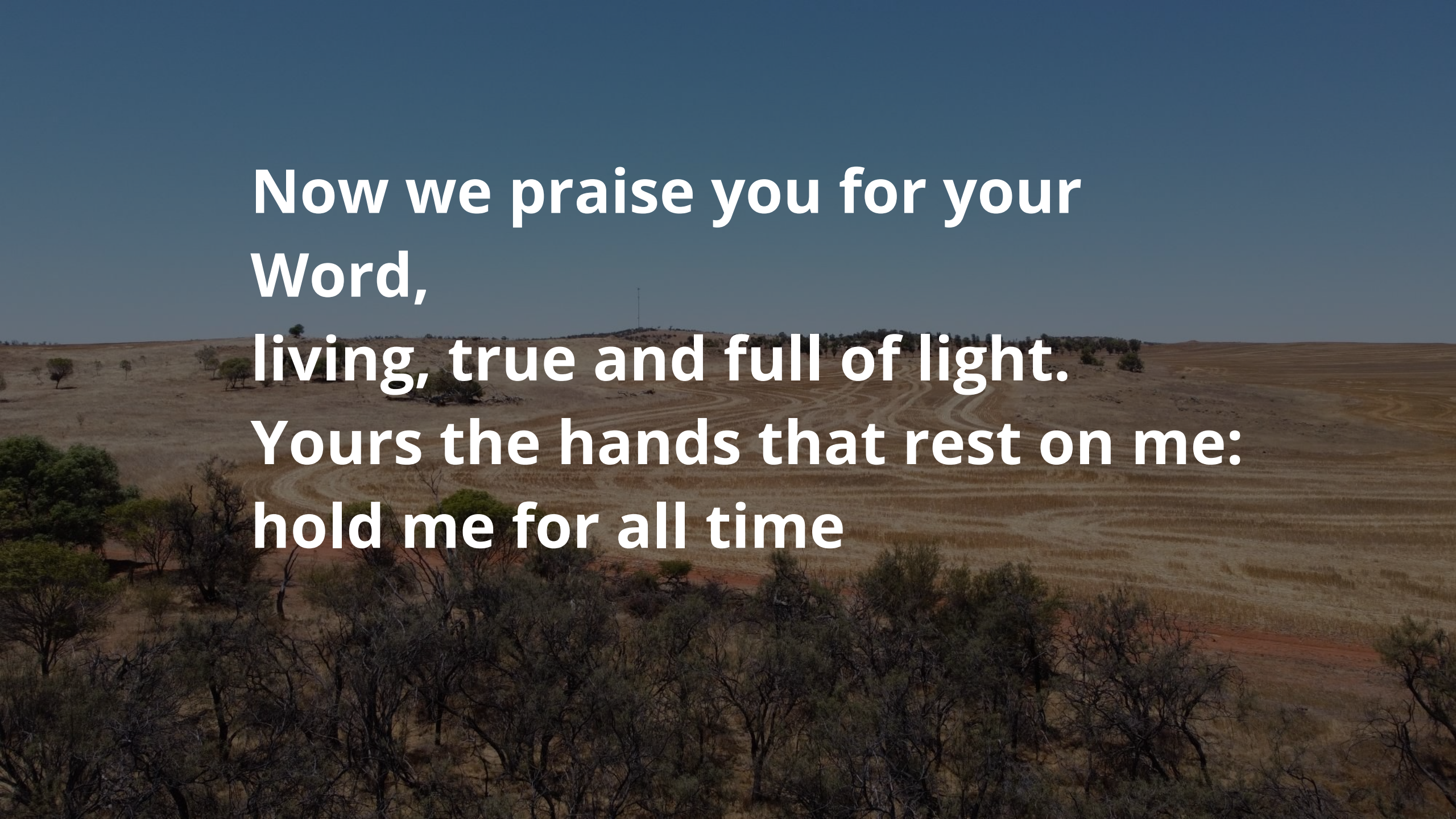
**Now, people of faith,
come gather around
with songs to be shared,
for blessings abound!**

**Australians, whatever your culture
or race,
come, lift up your hearts
to the Giver of grace.**



*O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr – Aboriginal
People of Arnhem Land and D'Arcy Wood*

**O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr,
all the power belongs to you.
Hold me by this power, O Lord,
you alone are king.**

A landscape photograph showing a dirt road winding through a field of trees. The sky is clear and blue. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold font.

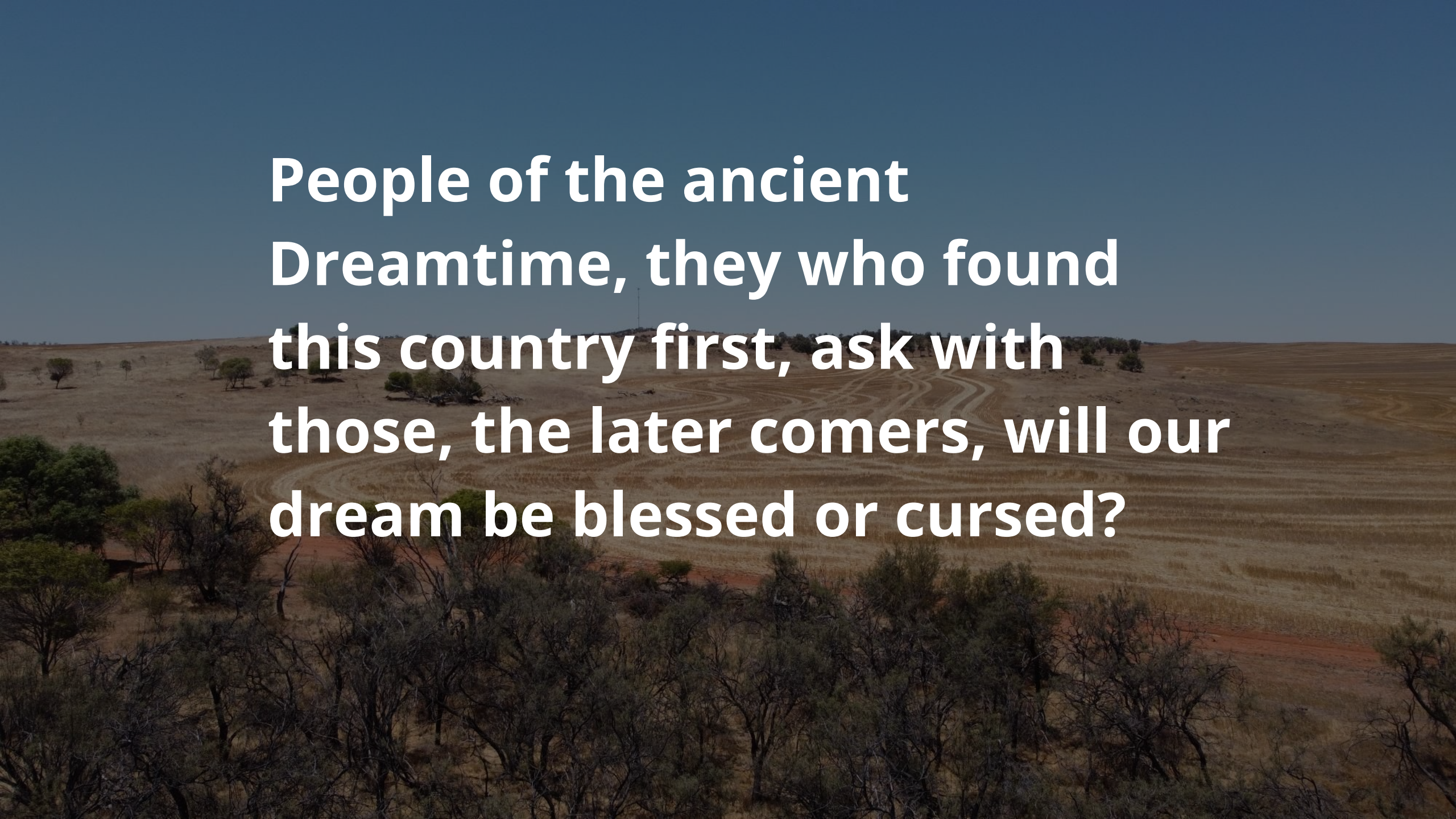
**Now we praise you for your
Word,
living, true and full of light.
Yours the hands that rest on me:
hold me for all time**

*Lord of earth and all creation – Michael
Rayner Thwaites and Honor Mary Thwaites*

**Lord of earth and all creation,
let your love possess our land:
wealth, and freedom, far
horizons, mountain; forest,
shining sand:**

A wide, flat landscape under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there are several dark, leafless trees. The middle ground shows a dirt road winding through a field of dry, yellowish-brown grass. The horizon is flat and distant. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

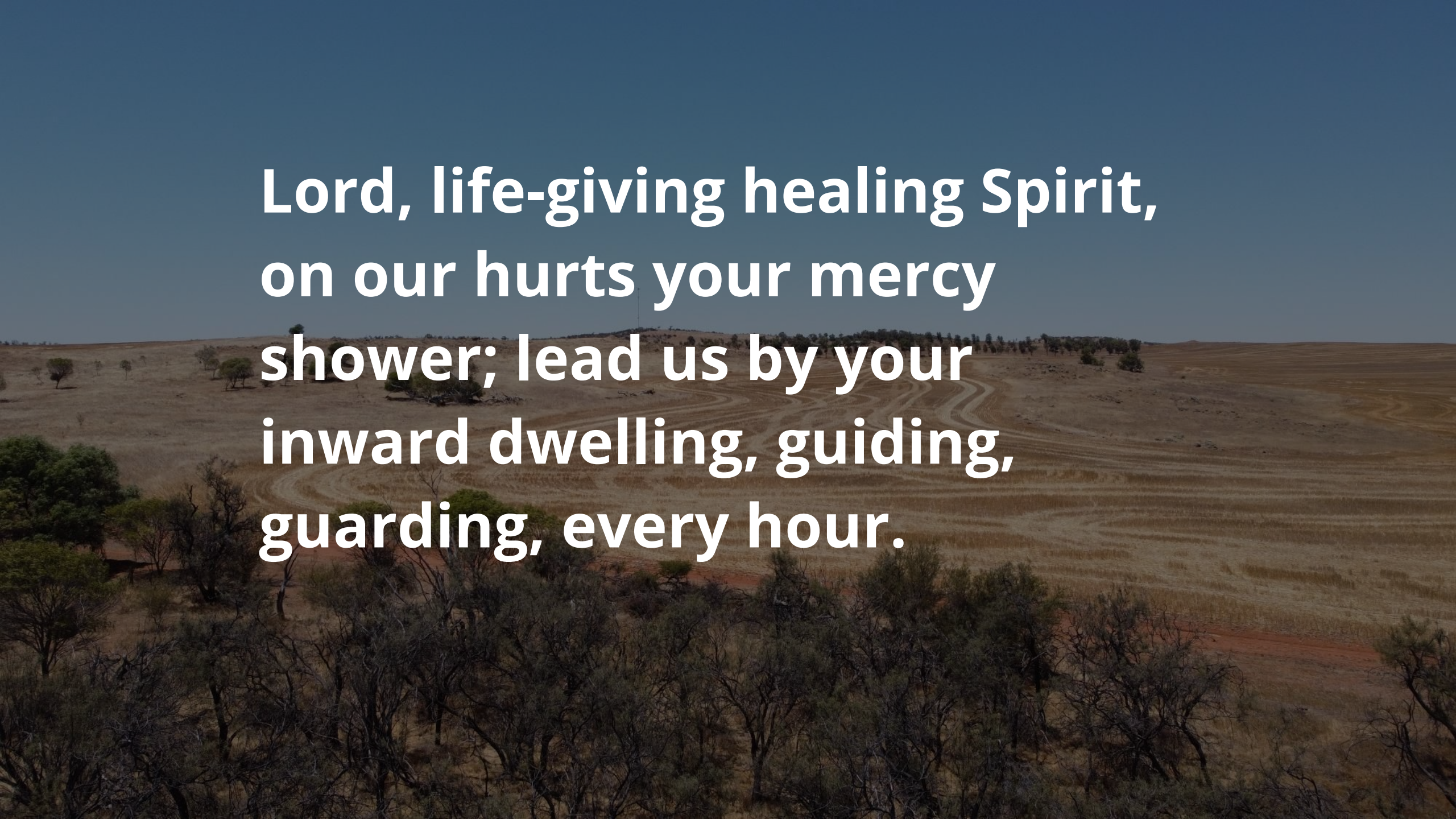
**may we share, in faith and
friendship, gifts unmeasured
from your hand.**

A landscape photograph showing a winding dirt road through a dry, open field. The foreground is filled with dark, leafless trees and shrubs. The middle ground features a dirt road that curves through a field of dry grass and scattered trees. The background shows a flat horizon under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid in white, bold font.

**People of the ancient
Dreamtime, they who found
this country first, ask with
those, the later comers, will our
dream be blessed or cursed?**

A wide, arid landscape with a winding dirt road and sparse vegetation under a clear blue sky. The foreground is filled with dark, scrubby bushes and trees. The middle ground shows a dirt road that winds through a dry, brownish field. The background is a flat, open plain under a clear, light blue sky.

**Grant us, Lord, new birth, new
living, hope for which our
children thirst.**

A landscape photograph showing a dirt road winding through a field of trees. The sky is a clear, deep blue. The text is overlaid in white, bold font.

**Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy
shower; lead us by your
inward dwelling, guiding,
guarding, every hour.**

A wide, flat landscape under a clear blue sky. The foreground is filled with dense, dark green trees and shrubs. In the middle ground, a winding dirt road curves across a dry, brownish field. The horizon is flat and distant. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Bless and keep our land
Australia: in your will her
peace and power.**