

# O wizened eyes resplendent

In memory of Robert Coon (1931 - 2021)

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1 O wiz - ened eyes re - splen-dent, we seek the things you saw,  
2 O ea - ger lips of bless - ing, speak grace for us to - day,  
3 O trem - b'ling hands of ser - vice, wrap arms a - round us all.

that urged you to such great - ness, and hum - bled you in awe.  
for - give us and our mourn-ing, our stub-born, pet - ty ways.  
Take res - pite from your la - bors, and joy in heav - en's call.

We strive now, as you once strove, toward the bea - con, toward the Light.  
We speak now, as you once spoke, prayers and stor - ies, ho - ly jest,  
We fight now, as you once fought, not with sword, but plow-share hewn.

With fore - bears in - vit - ing, it beck - ons yet more bright.  
to bol - ster worn hearts and in - spire us to our best.  
Through clang - or - ous war drums you hummed a dif - f'rent tune:

Though tear - y eyes may hin - der, and sor - row shroud our way,  
You ut - tered bless'd ass - ur - ance, through strife, your words did calm,  
Ev - 'ry note is one of jus - tice, each tear can shat - ter chains,

what seems to us like eve - ning may just be break of day.  
there is a - far in Gi - le - ad, vouch - safed for us a Balm.  
ev - 'ry sigh be-comes a rush of wind, set free a-cross the plains.