

Wakantanka (Many and Great)

Text: Dakota; Joseph R. Renville, 1846; paraphr. Philip Frazier, 1929, alt.

Music: Plains Indian traditional, 1879

LACQUIPARLE irregular

1 Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka-ya qa o - ta;
2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na-gi kin qu wo;
1 *Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of earth and sky.*
2 *Grant un - to us com-mun-ion with you, O star-a - bid - ing One.*

ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna-ke ça, ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca;
ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan-kam ya - ti, wi - co - wa - šte yu - ha nan - ka,
Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars; your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains
Come un - to us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.

mni - o-wan - ca šbe - ya wan-ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
wi - co - ni kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi-han - ke wa - nin.
Lo, at your word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
Bless us with life that has no end, e - ter-nal life with you.