

A Hymn for Candlemas

For RSCM Candlemas Carols, February 2019

Tune: 'Highwood'

1. Lord, let your light shine in the broken places,
Dispelling gloom and making all things whole;
In you we light our candles now and always,
And set them flaming soul to radiant soul.
2. Lord, let your light shine down the generations
Uniting wisdom with the hope of youth;
May we perceive with Simeon and Anna
That you present us with the light of truth.
3. Lord, let your light shine in the darkest recess
Of lonely minds engulfed in fear or grief;
Reach those obscured by shrouds of mental anguish,
And light the stairway from despair to belief.
4. Lord, let your light guide those who seek for refuge,
Leave native shores escaping war and strife;
Help us to aid their struggles in the darkness,
So they may find their way to light and life.
5. Lord, let your light defy our darkest natures,
Our fear of those we do not understand;
Refine our thoughts so we may act with kindness,
And by your loving light extend a hand.
6. Lord, let your light shine in the broken places,
Dispelling gloom and making all things whole;
In you we light our candles now and always,
And set them flaming soul to radiant soul.

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