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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 and all those be - tween, be - yond, and be - sides,
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
 a chance to re - form, re - pent and re - build,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 ex - pan - ding our world, dis - man - tl - ing pow - er,
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and co - - lor,
 pro - tec - ting the wronged, with - out shame or press - ure,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 each val - ued for what their voice can pro - vide.
 for queer, trans and ace, the cha - lice of - grace.
 for just and un - just, God's vi - sion ful - filled.,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.