

HOME

Sadly, there are very few good hymns or worship songs about God's call for us to be at home in this world, and to put down roots in creation and local communities. Why not see if musicians and poets in your community could write something? Please send it to international@arocha.org if you produce something worth sharing. Interestingly, song-writers seem to find it easier to write about the biblical theme of journeying rather than the equally biblical theme of belonging to one place and putting down roots! Worryingly, there are also lots of 19th and 20th century hymns and songs that focus (without biblical warrant) on escaping this world for a disembodied heaven. The songs below include both modern and traditional hymns that celebrate our embodied calling in God's world, and the beauty and wonder of creation. There are also specially adapted versions of "Look around you" (Kyrie Eleison) and "O Lord my God" (How great Thou art) at the end of the table of songs.

Contemporary Music (not specifically Christian)

These songs could be good background to a compilation of images of homes from around the world, including animal as well as human homes).

"To Build a Home" by the Cinematic Orchestra could be played quietly during a time of prayer.

- Home (Home is wherever I'm with you) – Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros (*very popular with teens!*) www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjFaenf1T-Y
- Home – Beauty & the Beast (*lyrics include reflection on making a home in 'exile'*) www.stlyrics.com/lyrics/classicdisney/home.htm
- To build a home – Cinematic Orchestra (*beautiful track to play in the background; lyrics cover home as a house, garden, relationship*) www.lyricsmania.com/to_build_a_home_lyrics_cinematic_orchestra_the.html; www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjic59FgUpg
- It feels like home to me - Edwina Hales, from the film 'My Sister's Keeper' (*home is in meaningful relationships; beautiful emotional love song*) www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTd1GnXr1Y

Sources for Hymns & Songs:

JP Junior Praise

KS Kidsource (www.kevinmayhew.com)

MP Mission Praise

SH Spring Harvest (note year of book; www.springharvest.org)

SOF Songs of Fellowship

NB - Songs of Fellowship is a series of four books, as follows:

Book 1 - numbers 1 to 640 (published 1991)

Book 2 - numbers 641 to 1150 (published 1998)

Book 3 - numbers 1151 to 1690 (published 2003)

Book 4 - numbers 1691 to 2200 (published 2007)



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Name of Song / Hymn	Author	Source (see below)	Type
All creatures of our God and King	St Francis of Assisi	SOF 645, MP 7	Hymn
All people that on earth do dwell	William Kethe	SOF 13, MP 20	Hymn
Ascribe greatness to our God the Rock	Mary L King & Mary K Barthow	SOF 26, MP 40	Song
As the deer pants for the water	Richard Lewis	SOF 658, MP 37	Song
As we are gathered, Jesus is here		SOF 28, MP 38	Song
Be still for the presence of the Lord (we stand on holy ground)	D. Evans	SOF 40, MP 50	Song
Bind us together	Bob Gillman	SOF 43, MP 54	Song
Christ is made the sure foundation	J.M. Neale	SOF 1199, MP 73	Hymn
Christ's is the world in which we move (a touching place)	John Bell & Graham Maule	SOF 685, MP 1163	Song
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind	John G. Whittier	SOF 79, MP 111	Hymn
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you (When you dwell in the exile of the stranger)	Gerard Markland	SOF 1213, MP 115	Song
Faithful One, so unchanging	Brian Doerksen	SOF 89, MP 825	Song
Fear not, rejoice and be glad	Priscilla Wright Porter	SOF 106, MP 144	Song
For the beauty of the earth	F. Pierpoint	SOF 290, MP 152	Hymn
For the fruits of His creation, thanks be to God	Fred Pratt Green	SOF 1234, MP 153	Hymn
Forth in Thy name O Lord I go	Charles Wesley	SOF 1237, MP 159	Hymn
From heaven you came, helpless babe	Graham Kendrick	SOF 120, MP 162	Song
From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea (Indescribable)	Laura Story	SOF 1775, MP 1170	Song
Give thanks to the Lord (His love endures for ever)	Chris Tomlin	SOF 1241, MP 169	Song
God in my living (Everything)	Tim Hughes	SOF 1790, MP 1175	Song
Great is the darkness	Noel Richards & Gerald Coates	SOF 742, MP 835	Song
Great is Thy faithfulness	T. O. Chisholm & W. M. Runyan	SOF 147, MP 200	Hymn
In Christ alone, my hope is found	Stuart Townend & Keith Getty	SOF 1346, MP 1072	Hymn
I reach up high, touch the ground	Judy Bailey	SOF 1358, JP 554	Kids
Jesus is Lord, Creation's voice proclaims it	David Mansell	SOF 290, MP 367	Hymn
Let everything that, everything that, everything that has breath praise the Lord	Matt Redman	SOF 880, MP 1001,	Song

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Look around you, can you see? (Kyrie Eleison) – <i>adapted version – see below</i>	Jodie Page Clark	Songs for the New Millennium	Song
Make me a channel of your peace	Richard of Chichester	SOF 381, MP 456	Song
O Lord my God (How great Thou art) – <i>adapted version – see below</i>	Stuart Hine	SOF 425, MP 506	Hymn
Over all the earth you reign on high	Brenton Brown	SOF 1498, MP 1101	Song
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation	Joachim Neander Tr. C. Winkworth & P. Dearmer	SOF 470, MP 564	Hymn
Take my life, and let it be	Frances Ridley Havergal	SOF 519, MP 624	Hymn
The birds don't worry, the flowers don't fret	Stuart Townend	SOF 1532	Kids
The King of Love my shepherd is	H. W. Baker	SOF 533, MP 649	Hymn
The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want	Scottish Psalter	SOF 537, MP 660	Hymn
The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want	Stuart Townend	SOF 1030, MP 1008	Song
The splendour of the King	Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves & Ed Cash	SOF 2065, MP 1227	Song
There is a home that wanderers seek	Stuart Townend	SOF 1033	Song
Though the blossom does not bloom	Martyn Layzell	SOF 2080	Song
Through all the changing scenes of life	N. Tate & N. Brady (Psalm 34)	SOF 1566, MP 702	Hymn
We come to you (All creation) www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbUAtPI8vGU	Brian Doerkson & Steve Mitchinson	SH 2003 110	Song
We plough the fields and scatter	Matthias Claudius Tr. J. M. Campbell	SOF 585, MP 732	Hymn
When all around is fading (He's got the whole world in His hands)	Tim Hughes	SOF 2124, MP 1236	Song
Who paints the skies into glorious day?	Stuart Townend	SOF 1118, MP 1128	Song
Who put the colours in the rainbow?	J. Paul Booth	SOF 1624, KS 386, JP 288	Kids
Your love is amazing (Hallelujah!)	B. Brown & B. Doerksen	SOF 1676, MP 1143	Song
You shaped the heavens and the earth	Tim Hughes	SOF 1684	Song

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Look around you (Kyrie Eleison)

*(Adapted from 'Kyrie Eleison' by Jodie Page Clark © 1976 Celebration Music; 'Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison' means 'Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy'.
Music can be found at www.worshiptrax.co.uk/Songs2MP3/LookArou_MP3.html)*

Look around you, can you see? Homeless wanderers, refugees,
Burning forests, dried up rivers; Oh, my people, weep with me.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Called to care for God's creation, called to love our local place,
Jesus, teach us here to serve you, see you in our neighbour's face.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Forgive us Father; hear our prayer. Help our lives to show your care,
Building homes and planting gardens, bringing life back to the land.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

O Lord my God (How great Thou art)

The last verse is amended to emphasise that Christ does not 'take me home', but rather returns to judge and make His home with humanity in a new creation where heaven and earth are combined (Revelation 21:3, Romans 8:20-21). Why not tell the congregation why the words have been changed?

Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars; I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,



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*How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul...

And when I think that God his son not sparing,
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
To make earth home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*