A Place at the Table

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I. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,

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a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,

with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.

3. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,

the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,

in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.

5. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,

to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.