

God Labors in Creation



God la - bors in cre - a - tion, to bring all life to birth.
The la - bor all a - round us, as in the sprout - ing seed,
For now the world is long - ing for us to be God's heirs



In this ma - ter - nal la - bor God serves as our world's nurse.
will gen - er - ate the har - vest for feed - ing man - y needs.
with Christ, as righ - teous chil - dren who'll bear the deep - est cares.



But all is not yet per - fect; God's mis - sion is not done.
When we'd re - ject this call - ing, in pains cre - a - tion groans,
In sigh - ing and our grow - ing the Spir - it will take root.



With pa - tient care e - ter - nal, God's stead - fast love goes on.
a - wait - ing its de - liv - 'rance, with hopes a - gain post - poned.
Our la - bor will pro - duce then God's good and glo - rious fruit.

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune, 19th cent.