

Long Ago, When Pharoah's Daughter

A Hymn Celebrating Adoption

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Long ago, when Pharoah's daughter walked along the riverside,
In a basket in the water was a baby, snug and dry.
Tiny baby! Did his mother give him up so he might live?
Love that gives to save another is a mighty love to give.

Christ, you offered us a blessing— what our life in you can be:
"When a child is given welcome, then you also welcome me."
In a world where children suffer and where all need love and care,
Love that leads us to each other is an answer to our prayer.

God, you call us your own children; we're adopted! We're reborn!
We rejoice that through adoption, human bonds are also formed.
Bless the ones who welcome children; bless the ones who let them go.
May each child be loved and welcomed; may each church help families grow.

Biblical References: Exodus 2:1-10; Matthew 18:1-5; Galatians 4:4-7; John 3:1-10;
James 1:27 and Psalm 68:5-6.

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