

Below, I've pasted a hymn text titled, "When in Creation." I wrote it after hours of watching news coverage of the SE Asian earthquake and tsunami tragedy. It is sung to the tune, FOREST GREEN. Please use it for worship if you find it sufficient for your congregation.

WHEN IN CREATION  
Sung to the tune, FOREST GREEN

Words by Tommy Shapard  
First Baptist - Gainesville, GA  
December 29, 2004

In memory of the thousands of people who lost lives on December 26, 2004

When in Creation life is lost, the pow'r of God seems weak.  
When young and old are swept away by rivers in their streets,  
We seek the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
\* And pray to God that lives be saved and hope will find a way.

Where is the goodness of our God when seas force life to die?  
Where is the powerful Love of God, when people hurt and cry?  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Wher'er I turn my eye,  
\* O God our help in ages past, be with the world today!

How can the glory of our God be known through tragedy,  
When water, rock, and sand be made to kill humanity?  
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
\* O God where were you on that day when darkness shook our Sphere?

When in Creation life is lost, we turn to God for Peace,  
And seek the One who came to serve the greatest and the least,  
O Christ whose presence comes to us in the Spirit's flowing power,  
Abide with us and give us strength to face life's darkest hour.

**\*Marks the lines quoted from "I Sing the Almighty Power of God," Isaac Watts, 1715 Watts' hymn inspired the above text in light of the Southeast Asian Earthquake and Tsunami.**