



A RAINBOW TO HEAVEN June Boyce-Tillman

A. JULIAN HYMN

1. 'All shall be well in love enclosed.'
An anchoress says in her cell.
He revelations clearly tell
Of love that lives in heaven and hell.

2. All shall be well in love enclosed.
A God of judgement stands condemned
By One who only love can send,
Whose breath can heal, whose touch can mend.

3. . All shall be well in love enclosed
By One who olds us in his palm,
Who made us, shields us with his arm,
Redeems us, keeps us from all harm.

4. . All shall be well in love enclosed.
The ring of fire will meet the rose
In One who all or suffering knows,
Sweet Mother Jesus, our repose.

B. MILLENIUM HYMN

1. God of justice, wind the circle,
Making all the cosmos one,
Show us in millennial visions,
How on earth Your Will is done;
Help us see the mercy flowing
From the wounding of Christ's side;
Heal us with compassion spreading
As a purifying tide.

2. God of dreams and intuition
Inspiration from the night,
Temper reason's rigid systems
With the leap of faith's insight.
God of passion, fill our knowing
With Divine authority,
And a sense of mystery leading
To a right humility.

3. God of faith's heroic journey
May Your Truth direct our way;
Guide our footsteps, give us courage
In the challenge of each day.
God of Wisdom's spinning spiral,
Soothe us with your gentle charms,
Weave our lives into the pattern
Of Christ's all-embracing arms.

4. God of order, God of chaos,
In love's creativity
Move the mountains of tradition
Stifling earth's fertility
Break the barriers, guide the learning,
Bind the wounds and heal the pain,
Bring to birth our human yearning,
Integrate the world again.

C. ECUMENICAL HYMN

1. We gather here together
From different ways of faith.
Your Myst'ry calls us forward
Into the heart of grace.
We know Your Truth is wider
Than all we can expect;
So here we seek communion
In love and with respect.

2. We own our faith in Jesus
Who made Your essence known;

And hope we have been faithful
To what we have been shown.
We share our partial insights
And find You are our rest.
And so become empowered
With love and with respect.

3. Your Spirit flows between us
And makes Your Being clear.
Diversely reuniting
We sense Your presence here;

And so Your Church can mirror
The world You resurrect,
As gently we draw nearer
In love and in respect.

D. GOD AS MYSTERY

1. Let all the stars in heaven
Sing out to God creator
And use whatever sound
Their various forms can utter.

CHORUS

*And we will praise a God
Who is beyond a name
And taking a human form
As Son of Mary came*

2. We cannot tell what womb
Within th' encircling cosmos
Is giving birth to God
To make another Christmas.

CHORUS

3. We cannot tell what shapes

Can hold our God's revealing;
But Jesus shared my flesh
And that for me is healing.

CHORUS

4. We cannot tell what cross,
Today or in the future
Or many moons ago,
Will bruise God-given nature.

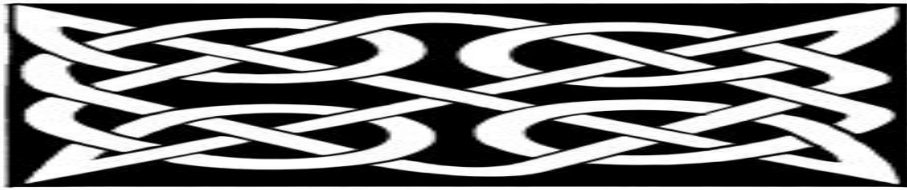
CHORUS

5. Let galaxies rejoice
And praise divine empowering
The countless gifts of love,
The fruits of God's enshowering.

CHORUS

E. WE SHALL GO OUT

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection.
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on.
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted.
We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed.
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.
2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken.
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed.
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping.
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief.
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.



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F. HYMN for WOMEN



BISHOPS

1. Tides come flowing claiming freedom
Spreading over sand and rock;
So is truth engulfing falsehood
In a flood that will not stop.
Christ, our Justice, presses onward,
Guiding like a shining sun,
Moving forward, glowing strongly,
Showing how God's will is done.
2. Jesus' words ring clear through history
Calling 'Mary, I am here.
Be the voice of my disciples;
Make my message very clear.
I have sanctioned women's witness,
Valued their authority,
Made them chief of my apostles,
Broken chains and set them free.'
3. Listen hard, my Christian brother,
Can you hear your sister's sighs?
How she longs to be your pastor
As a woman who is wise.
How long will it be till all men
Know God's pow'r cannot be tamed,
And leaps up in women's knowing
As eternal Wisdom's flame?
4. Then the Church will start reflecting
God's truth of equality -
Where each person finds acceptance
Of their special ministry.
So the Church will show Christ's
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Counter-cultural, welcoming

All who hear the call to freedom
Promised in their Chrstitening.

For WATCH and Christina Rees, June Boyce-Tillman
Tune: Ebenezer

G. HYMN FOR CHILDREN

1. Can the parents' tender care
Cease towards the child they bear?
Yes, and we stand by and see
Sadnesses and cruelty.
2. When the bells of Christmas ring,
We recall a savage king,
Who killed children in his spite;
We today still share that night:
3. Children trafficked, parents killed,
Childhood's promise unfulfilled,
Children naked, poor and cold,
Children who will not grow old.
4. Child abuse is wounding Christ;
Children's armies pierce his side;
Children's worries fill God's heart;
Where can God's forgiveness start?
5. Children can bring into life
Wonder, magic and delight;
Yet they need security
For their creativity.
6. God of parents, carers, friends,
Teach us how to make amends;
Bless our aims, forgive our wrongs,
Help our children sing Your songs.

For Chris Dodd
June Boyce-Tillman
Tune: Buckland usually used for Loving Shepherd of thy
sheep.

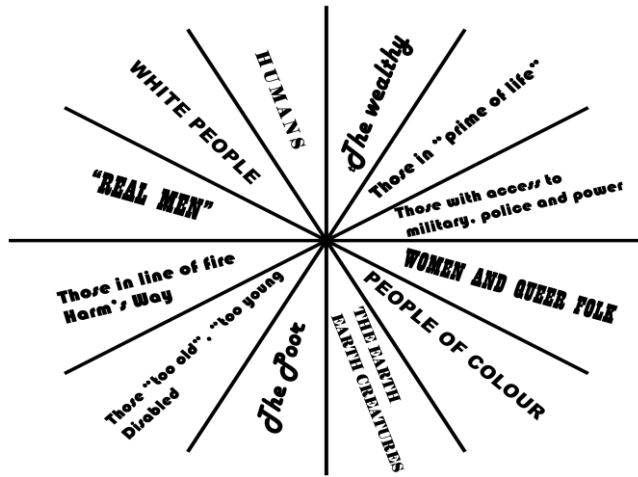


FIGURE 1 Carter Heyward – Positions of power Boyce-Tillman *Unconventional Wisdom* 2007

The Spiritual Experience in Music

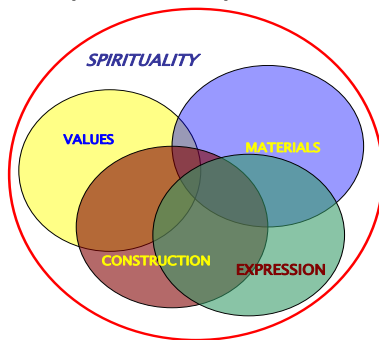


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FIGURE 3 June Boyce-Tillman - Subjugated Value Systems *Unconventional Wisdom* 2007

