

# From a still small voice

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♩ = 90

D A(add4) A Em G

1. From a still small voice in sil - ence, While the storms rage in our heart,  
 2. From a glimpse of some - thing sim - ple, Small - est word or ti - ny seed,  
 3. From the cross there blows a prom - ise; Ech - oes soft - ly through the hills.  
 4. Je - sus come and tend these woun - ded, Come and sit here in our midst.

5 D A(add4) A G A(add4) A

Comes the hope of dreams and heal - ing; Salve for souls near torn a - part.  
 Comes the hope of un - im - ag - ined Bless - ings for our dai - ly need.  
 There is hint of life lived bet - ter, For us all who God in - dwells.  
 Be the calm that stops our shak - ing, Come and hold this drift ing ship.

9 G D/F# G Bm

Jes - us, in our pain and sor - row, Whis - pers, "You are not a - lone."  
 In this hope for lives transform - ing, Sis - ter, bro - ther, stran - ger, friend;  
 Nei - ther asked for nor con - sen - ted, Gifts come rain - ing ev - 'ry day.  
 Let your spark of hope grow in us; Use these tal - ents for your will.

13 D A(add4) A G A(add4) D A(sus4)

Wraps the arms of God a - round us; Ne - ver leaves us here or on our own.  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, plant your vis - ion For our life and liv - ing with - out end.  
 Where they lead and what they nur - ture, Is a mys - 'try still and who can say?  
 Through the griev - ing and the ach - ing, May we trust the one who loves us still.

The spark for this song came from a Transforming Worship conference in the Uniting Church of Australia in Adelaide, July 2017. Rev Sean Gilbert, in his devotion on the first morning, provided one of the two themes in the song when he spoke about God's gifts, 'neither asked nor consented' and how the smallest of ideas can become a significant event or movement. The second theme was sparked by Rev Avril Hannah-Jones when she spoke of wishing that there were more songs about the Jesus with tears running down his face, and wanting to openly acknowledge that life can be challenging for many reasons, not least because of anxiety and depression.