Touch the Earth Lightly

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I. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care:

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gift of great wonder, ours to surrender, trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

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2. We who endanger, who create hunger, agents of death for all creatures that live,

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we who would foster clouds of disaster, God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning, water that blesses and air that is sweet,

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health in God's garden, hope in God's children, regeneration that peace will complete.

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4. God of all living, God of all loving, God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,

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teach us, deflect us, Christ, reconnect us, using us gently and making us one.

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