

Whatever You Do

1 "What - ev - er you do to the least ones of these,
2 When poor, wait - ing chil - dren pray hun - ger will end
3 In pris - ons and jails, Lord, we find a sur - prise;
4 When we reach to oth - ers in flood - strick - en lands
5 "Lord, when did we see you?" Your teach - ing is clear

I tell you in truth that you do un - to me!"
When those long - for - got - ten cry out for a friend,
We see you in peo - ple whom oth - ers de - spise.
And of - fer our hearts there, and of - fer our hands
That when we serve oth - ers, we're serv - ing you here.

Lord Je - sus, you taught us! May we learn a - new
When thirst - y ones whis - per, "O Lord, where are you?" —
At hos - pi - tal bed - sides we of - fer a prayer
We no - tice, Lord Je - sus, the gift of your grace:
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,

That when we serve oth - ers, we al - so serve you.
We hear, in their long - ing, that you're call - ing, too.
And find, when we vis - it the sick, you are there.
We see, in the crowds of the suff' - ring, your face.
Then out of the cha - os, hope ris - es a - gain.

I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981

In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

F *Unison Introduction* *Refrain*
Bb C F

“I am the light of the world!”

Bb C F Gm Dm C

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!’ If you fol-low and love you’ll

F Gm7 C Bb F Bb F *Last time, end*

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

F Bb/D C F

1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the
 2 7 To find the lost and lone-ly one, 7 to
 3 7 To free the pris-oner from all chains, 7 to
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do, 7 to

This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee’s music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.

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Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, When the
 heal the bro - ken soul with love, 7 To
 make the pow - er - ful care, To re -
 dance at a ba - by's new birth, 7 To

F Bb C F

sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the
 feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To
 build the na - tions with strength of good will, to
 make mu - sic in an old per - son's heart, and

Dm Bb Gm7 C *Return to*

work of Christ-mas is be - gun:
 feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!
 see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!
 sing to the col - ors of the earth!