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Australian Benedicite

(response)

joyfully

Let all cre- a- tion bless - the Lord:
sing God's praise, ex- alt - God for- e - - ver.

instrumental

Notes

1. This canticle is derived from The Song of the Three, verses 35-65, otherwise known as the 'Benedicite' (BEN-e-DIS-iti). It is the song of the three young men (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) who were thrown into the fiery furnace, and forms part of the longer (apocryphal) version of the Book of Daniel.
2. This is not intended as a translation, nor a paraphrase; rather, it is an 'extension' of the original canticle.
- 3 Suggested use of V. 1 (antiphon):
Verse one is sung twice at commencement of canticle and similarly at conclusion (after v.14). Several times during the spoken reading, the antiphon is sung; e.g. after vv 5, 9, 13 & 14.

Australian Benedicite (A Song of Creation)

**1. Let all creation bless the Lord
Sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.**

- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens;
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever,
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord;
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord sun and moon;
bless the Lord, stars of heaven:
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever,
- 5 Bless the Lord, all you elemental forces;
bless the Lord, black holes and galaxies;
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.

**Let all creation bless the Lord
Sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.**

- 6 Bless the Lord all you sun-drenched spaces,
bless the Lord, you high plains;
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord, you reefs and rivers,
bless the Lord, you forests and beaches;
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever,
- 8 Bless the Lord, Uluru and Nullarbor,
bless the Lord, Kosciusko and Carpentaria;
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever,
- 9 Bless the Lord, you great gums and acacias;
bless the Lord, rainforest and mallee scrub;
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.

**Let all creation bless the Lord
Sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.**

- 10 Bless the Lord you creatures of the bush;
bless the Lord all you fish, you birds of the air;
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever,
- 11 Bless the Lord all you people,
bless the Lord, Aborigine, Islander, latecomer
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.
12. Bless the Lord, you station hands and ironworkers,
bless the Lord, researcher and artist:
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.
13. Bless the Lord, politicians and teachers,
bless the Lord, all you carers and farmers:
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.

**Let all creation bless the Lord
Sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.**

14. Bless the Lord, young and old,
men and women everywhere:
bless the Lord all who are humble in heart;
bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.

**Let all creation bless the Lord
Sing God's praise, exalt God for ever.**

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