

## Christian Worship Hymn 28: Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Please remember that songs are interpreted much differently than sermons or liturgy. It is important to keep the rhythm of the music when interpreting songs. Just as English sung hymns must change their word order for their stanzas to rhyme and therefore may 'sound' strange if strictly spoken; signed hymns must also at times change their sign order to keep the proper rhythm of the song and may 'look' strange if strictly signed. Rhythm is very important.

### HYMN 28:

1. Let the earth now praise the Lord Who has truly kept his word  
*Let earth now praise Lord // who true keep his word*  
And at last to us did send Christ the sinner's help and friend  
*and finally \*send // Christ...sinner helper friend*
  2. What the fathers most desired What the prophets' heart inspired  
*what father++ most want // what prophet++ heart inspire*  
What they longed for many a year Stands fulfilled in glory here  
*what they want many year // stay fulfill glory here*
  3. Abram's promised great reward Zion's helper Jacob's Lord  
*Abraham promise great reward// (fs) Zion helper (fs) Jacob Lord*  
Him of twofold race behold Truly came as long foretold  
*Jesus double nature behold // True came before prophesy*
  4. Welcome O my Savior now Joyful Lord to you I bow  
*welcome O my Savior now// joy Lord “\*bow”*  
Come into my heart I pray Oh prepare yourself a way  
*\*come into my heart pray// oh prepare yourself path*
  5. Crush for me the serpent's head That set free from doubt and dread  
*crush for me snake head // crush finish free from doubt and afraid*  
I may cling to you in faith Safely kept through life and death  
*I hold you faith // safe keep through life and death*
  6. And when you shall come again As a glorious king to reign  
*and when you \*come again // now glory king reign*  
I with joy may see your face Freely ransomed by your grace  
*I happy+2 can see your face // I free receive your grace*
- -- Words with hyphenation are ASL signs.
  - () Words in parentheses may or may not be signed, depending on your audience. If they are more English, you may want to add the words.
  - <> Words in <> are definitions for the previous word as the previous word has more than one sign.
  - ""Words in quotation marks are words to be dramatized as if you are the speaker.
  - \* Words with asterisks should be signed as a directional sign
  - fs means to fingerspell
  - + means the sign is repeated. A number following the plus sign indicates how many times to repeat.