God, You Call Us to Be Prophets

SCHOLA PROPHETARUM 8.7.7.6 with refrain
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1 God, you call us to be prophets who pursue an end to hate,
con-front-ing all the struc-tures that bar and sep-a-rate.
You are guid-ing us to-geth-er on this wild and wind-ing way
to claim the prom-ised free-dom of your new day.

2 God, de-stroy the tempt-ing i-dols that pre-serve what came be-fore:
the keys of pow'r and priv'-lege that lock your chur-ch's door.

3 Turn us from the trap of tend-ing an im-ag-ined per-fect past,
and cul-ti-vate your vi-sion for grow-ing peace at last.

4 God, re-ceive our hon-est ef-fort when we build up some-thing new,
and guide us as we fash-ion our work to hon-or you.

5 God, re-store in us a pas-sion for your world as it can be:
with love for ev'ry per-son, and rich di-ver-si-ty.