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This is the God who left that throne
high in the heaven of mystery,
grieving because God's people grieved,
wading the waves of the binding sea.

This is the God who spoke through flame
and, flame and cloud, was a presence then.
This is the God of the desert years.
This is the God of the promised land.

This is the God of the exiled years
here with the people exiled still,
never aloof on some distant star
but the infant God of Bethlehem.

And this is the God Emmanuel,
cradle to grave our life to know,
"I will be where I choose to be,"
God said, "and I will be with you."

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