Hymns on the theme of creation

_Hymns can provide a way either to prepare people or to allow them to respond to a talk. In the right setting they are excellent for bringing people together, allowing them to express emotions, beliefs and commitments. In the middle of a longer meeting they can offer people some space to assimilate what they have heard and to think again._

_If you have a choice of hymns ask yourself what sort of response is appropriate at this point of the service or meeting. Here are few suggestions of hymns with their authors and one or two comments._

**Well-known hymns of praise – classics!**

1. All creatures of our God and King [Draper, based on St Francis]
2. O worship the King all glorious above [Grant, based on Psalm 104]
3. For the beauty of the earth [F.S. Pierpoint et al. – either of two tunes may be better known]
4. How great thou art [Hine]

**Reflective hymns – perhaps less well-known but sung to familiar / easy tunes**

5. For the fruits of his creation [F.P. Green – tune either East Acklam or the better known Ar hyd y nos]
6. Praise and thanksgiving [Bayly – Gaelic melody, harvest and justice themes]
7. Oh the life of the world [Galloway, Iona Community]
8. God who made the earth [Rhodes – short and to the point, talks of God’s care]

**Hymns that call us to take action or change our attitudes**

9. From heaven you came [‘The Servant King’, Kendrick – emphasis on Creator Jesus and discipleship]
10. O Lord all the world belongs to you [Appleford – bouncy and challenging]
12. Think of a world without any flowers [Newport – all age, direct, penitential]

**Many more hymns**

For a much fuller list try ‘The Eco-Congregation hymn board’ where there are dozens of hymns listed and in which hymn books they can be found: