

# Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word

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Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word,  
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
Wheresoe'er His breath has given,  
Life to beings meant for Heaven.

Tell them how the Father's will  
Made the world, and keeps it still,  
How He sent His Son to save  
All who help and comfort crave.

Tell of our Redeemer's love,  
Who forever doth remove  
By His holy sacrifice  
All the guilt that on us lies.

Tell them of the Spirit given  
Now to guide us up to Heaven,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.

Up! the ripening fields ye see,  
Mighty shall the harvest be;  
But the reapers still are few,  
Great the work they have to do.

Lord of harvest, let there be  
Joy and strength to work for Thee,  
Till the nations, far and near,  
See Thy light, and learn Thy fear.

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