**We Were Born Out of the Waters**

 NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

We were born out of the waters that give life to all the earth.

We were made God’s sons and daughters at the font of our rebirth.

Every day, God’s waters bless us! We are nourished and renewed;

For the waters that surround us give us life and health and food.

Just as rivers join each other, all creation joins in song.

All of nature works together, bold and beautiful and strong.

Fish that fill a flowing river, springs of water from below

Daily point us to the Giver from whom blessings overflow.

God, we hear the troubling thunder of the shouts of “Profit first!”

Land and streams are torn asunder till creation cries in thirst.

God, we thirst for healthy waters and for justice for the land,

As your faithful sons and daughters, may we rise to take a stand.

God who made the whole creation, with its rivers, fields and streams,

You have given us a vision of what caring for them means.

May we care for all your waters, for your land, for sky above;

May we serve you as protectors of this world that you so love.

Biblical texts: Genesis 1-2; John 3:16

Tune: Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

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