

## **As We Gather, Draw Us Nearer**

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Music by B.F. White, 1844

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Scriptural Reference: Psalm 148

### **Sing / Praise**

As the seagull boldly soaring  
Sings a song in wordless flight  
As a mother rocks her baby  
Humming hope's sweet lullaby  
As the stones cry out, "Hosanna"  
As the rising of the tide  
May our hearts find natural rhythm  
Singing praises with our lives

### **Stretch / Grow**

As the redwoods reach to heaven  
We extend ourselves to you  
As the strings stretch on the fretboard  
Let us pull ourselves in tune  
As a child draws her family  
Favorite crayon in chubby hand  
Each encounter of your glory  
A new way to understand

### **Satisfy / Share**

As we gather, draw us nearer  
In our hunger, find your feast  
Deepest longings now are sated  
By your presence and your peace  
In the wideness of your mercy  
May we find ourselves at home  
Welcomed warmly at your table  
Where we never eat alone