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This reading, mixing scripture and poetic reflection, focuses on the Creator, the creation, and the creatures who are called to care for creation in the name of the Creator. Configured here for three voices, it can be modified to suit other worship settings.

- 1 ***In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*** (Gen 1.1)
 2 ***Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,***
 for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. (Rev 21.1)
 3 Who cares for creation?
 1 We, whose God is not bound by gravity or grave,
 2 untouched by time,
 planning planets but plainly not subject to their system.
 3 Why would we, whose Father-art-in-heaven, favor earth?
 1 Because in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,
 2 and in the end he will not just do away with it but do it all over again.
- 1 ***And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*** (Gen 1.2)
 2 ***And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed***
 me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. (Rev 21.2)
 3 Who cares for creation?
 1 We whose God, though Spirit, is the one to whom matter matters,
 2 partial to what is partial,
 we who are at home in this this-world-is-not-my-home home.
 3 Why would we who are just a-passin' through prefer to preserve the earth?
 1 Because from the start it was the Spirit's brooding ground, his hover-home,
 2 and it will be, until the Spirit himself shows us that new city.
- 1 ***The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground.*** (Gen 2.7)
 2 ***The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it,***
 for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. (Rev 21.22)
 3 Who cares for creation?
 1 We whose boney bodies groan toward glory,
 2 humans from humus,
 training to trade the mundane for the immortal.
 3 Why would we give two hoots about this owling earth?
 1 Because in the beginning we were made from the mud,
 2 and in the end we will be engrossed in the glory of yet another garden.
- 1 ***For by him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth.***
 2 ***All things were created by him and for him.*** (Col 1.16)
 3 Why care for creation?
 1 If not for the God who ground us out,
 2 if not for the hovering Spirit who inhabits us,

1 if not for our muddy manufacturing,
2 then at least for our Christ-creator, for the Word-become-flesh.
3 Why care for creation?
1 For the sake of that very-Flesh-of-our-very-Flesh,
2 our muddy-fingered maker,
1 our bloody-fingered re-creator,
2 who makes us in the end what we were meant to be in the beginning,
3 human and his,
1 who remakes all things what they were pre-meant to be,
3 good and glorious,
2 by whom all things were created,
3 by him and for him.

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