

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose
 2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose
 3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your
 4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: be
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be
 hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: be
 voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: be



there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your
 there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your
 there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your
 there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

When first published in 1931, this "All-Day Hymn" (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.