

O GRACIOUS MAKER, FROM YOUR HAND  
(TUNE: Melita)

*This hymn text was written in response to the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico which occurred in 2010. It is dedicated to the many women and men who work to save our environment.*

O Gracious Maker, from your hand, have come to us both sea and land.  
You fill our oceans, far and wide, place trees throughout the countryside,  
You scatter clouds across the sky,  
Make fish to swim, and birds to cry.

But all too often we've ignored, the trust you've placed in us dear Lord;  
We fail to handle earth with care, we leave a stain most ev'rywhere,  
We spill your oil and tar the land,  
We darken river, marsh and sand.

Give us the courage that we need, to conquer selfishness and greed.  
Help us to change our wasteful ways, so earth might see far better days.  
Teach us to know what's right, what's wrong,  
So ev'ry voice might raise a song!

--John H. Danner, July, 2010