510. Say Jesus, 'Come and gather round'



Concert key: G minor

Chords key: G minor (concert)

Structure: 4 verses

Verse 1:

Gm E^b Dm^7 Gm

Says Jesus, 'Come and gather round. I want to teach my friends.

Gm E^b Dm⁷ Gm Am

some truths about the love I bring, the love that never ends.

Gm/B^b Dm⁷ C⁷ Fm

Look to the child, here in your midst,

 B^b/D E^b F^7/C Dm

who has so much and more to say

Gm E^b Dm⁷ G

of what it means to follow me, to come and walk my way.'

Verse 2:

Christ speaks to those who, growing old, get burdened down with care; while caution reigns, we seldom see God's presence everywhere. He points to gifts that children bring -- the will to risk, the trust to dare, through which, no matter where we are, we'll find God always there.

Verse 3:

When was it that we first forgot that questions helped us grow, or lost the openness to ask and learn what we don't know? Christ points to gifts that children bring, the searching heart and lively mind which let God's kingdom grow in those who seek until they find.

Verse 4:

Lord Jesus, we have gathered round to hear you teach your friends the truths about the love you bring, that love which never ends. We look to children in our midst for they have much and more to say and join with them to follow you, to live and walk your way.

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