

## As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,  
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.

so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.