LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

795 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and
gladdening; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

2. In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still un-
fold ing, give us all your vision, God of love.

3. Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every broth-
spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

4. You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of
healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.

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