Here in This Place

Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness
We are young, our lives are a mystery. We are old who
Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the
Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
make us your own; gather us in, all peoples to gather,

we shall arise at the sound of our name.
give us the courage to enter the song.
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.