Beloved Child, Beloved Community

C Am Dm G F C Am

1. Hear well this good news, trust the word spoken, receive a
2. Born of the Spirit, tempered and tested, washed in the
3. Sisters and brothers, neighbors and strangers, serve one another
4. Go forth in my name, show forth my kindness, renew the
*5. Let us dream God's dream, glimpsed on the mountain, first by the

Em F C Dm G7 C

new name, become my own: you are beloved
water, for-giveness known: Blessed and a
no-ther in har-mony: You are beloved
good earth through works of love: Peace be a
one King, then King again: a dream de-

F C Am Dm D7

loved, precious and chosen, with you I'm
nointed with grace un-sured, you are beloved
loved children gathered in a beloved
fered now, waiting the foun-tain where jus-tice

C/G F G7 C

well pleased to make my home.
loved, my child, my own.
loved community.
with you, sent from above.
rolls down and praise as cends.

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The text of this hymn grew out of my reading of Henri Nouwen's Life of the Beloved and articles about Martin Luther King's vision of Beloved Community. This text is a way of bridging personal and corporate experiences of belovedness. The fifth stanza is an alternate for special occasions, such as Martin Luther King's birthday. (John Middleton, 41 Pine Tree St., Lexington TN 38351, phone 731-968-0578, email pinetreealmanac@yahoo.com).