As Your Spirit in the Desert

1 As your Spirit in the desert led the Christ to
dust and stone, so instill our hearts with courage now to
cross where Christ has gone.

2 As your fire and cloudy pillar Israel’s tribes to
Ca-naan led, may your presence be our comfort, may your
man-na be our bread. Let us cross into the
wil-der-ness so to walk where Christ has gone.

3Though wild beasts may lurk in shadow, and dire thirst may
sear and sting, you have promised living waters waiting
for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the
wil-der-ness with God’s man-na as our bread.

4 Through the narrow gate now draw us, past all empire’s
pull and strife, where beyond our fear and clinging stands the
thresh-old of new life. Let us cross out of the
wil-der-ness to the thresh-old of new life.

5 God of desert, God of promise, you have bid us
journey on through the days of dust and darkness to the
ris-ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the
wil-der-ness to the ris-ing of the dawn.

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