

# 2 Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

Em C D

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

Em C D Em

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

G D Em C Em

GIVING THANKS

fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

G D

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

Em C D Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

G D Em C Em

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My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

G D

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

Em C D Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

C D Em C Em

By employing an energetic Irish folksong for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) recaptures some of the wonder and the assurance of the stunned young Mary who first sang those words.

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 MUSIC: Irish traditional  
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