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A TREE GIVES GLORY TO GOD

Text: by Thomas Merton, from Chapter 5 of *New Seeds of Contemplation*, 1965
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 Music: 76 76 6 76 ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN,
Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne, 1599
 Popular melody for *Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming*

C G6 F C Am F Am↓↑ G7 Am G7↓↑ C ↓
A tree gives glo-ry to God by \ be - ing a tree.
 • **G6 F C Am F Am↓↑ G7 Am G7↓↑ C ↓**
 No two cre-a-ted be-ings are ex - act - ly the same.
G7 C G7 ↓
 To see our-selves as failed
C F C Am F Am↓↑ G7 Am G7↓↑ C ↓
 at-tempts at an i-de - al, what would that say of God?

C G6 F C Am F Am↓↑ G7 Am G7↓↑ C ↓
This clum-sy colt in this field on this Spring Ap - ril day
 • **G6 F C Am F Am↓↑ G7 Am G7↓↑ C ↓**
 has sanc-ti-ty and beau-ty ho - ly in eyes div - ine.
G7 C G7 ↓
 They all are ho-ly saints:
C F C Am F Am↓↑ G7 Am G7↓↑ C ↓
 this flow'r, this leaf, this thir-sty trout, this bass, lake and hill.

C G6 F C Am F Am↓↑ G7 Am G7↓↑ C ↓
A tree gives God\ glo-ry, spread-ing roots in the earth,
 • **G6 F C Am F Am↓↑ G7 Am G7↓↑ C ↓**
 rais-ing its branch-es to air light as none else from birth
G7 C G7 ↓
 with qual-i-ties u-nique,
C F C Am F Am↓↑ G7 Am G7↓↑ C ↓
 gives glo-ry as or-dained in in - fin - ite art of God.

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A tree gives glo-ry to God by \ be - ing a tree.