

Parting the Waters

Refrain:

**Long is the journey, wide is the sea,
our pathway to new life.
Parting the waters, call out our names;
lead us, God of our life.**

1. When, from our exile, God leads us home,
we will think it a dream!
Then we will sing songs filled with praise;
our hope will leap for joy. *Refrain*
2. Yahweh, you hear the cries and laments
of all who long to be free.
Casting the mighty down from their thrones,
you raise the poor to life. *Refrain*
3. Over the waters of ev'ry life,
breathe now, great breath of God.
Gentlest of breezes, open the sea.
Come like a rushing wind. *Refrain*
4. Bread in the desert, water from rock,
pillar of fire by night,
long is our journey: nourish our hope---
with courage to be free. *Refrain*
5. Like a shepherd, walk in our midst;
lead us to our promised land.
Near living waters, our hearts refresh;
our hunger, feed at your feast. *Refrain*
6. If we must pass through valleys of death,
no danger need we fear.
Your rod and staff give comfort and light,
your mercy close at our side. *Refrain*
7. Wake now, O sleeper, rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.
Once you were darkness, now splendid light:
so bear the fire of God. *Refrain*