

## Song of the Prophet

### *Refrain:*

O, my people, listen deeply to the word of the Lord.  
You are loved so and I wait for you  
to come back home and share forgiving love.

1. “Before your birth, before I formed you in your mother’s womb,” says the word of the Lord. “I have consecrated you to be a prophet who will speak my name throughout all the world.” *Refrain*
2. Lord, I am but a child, I do not know what I should say!  
“Do not be afraid. I am with you and my words shall burn as coals within your mouth; let all nations hear.” *Refrain*
3. Even though the poor cry out my people do not heed their tears and they turn away; as injustice comes to fruit in violence within ev’ry land, the human heart grows weak. *Refrain*
4. The spirit of the Lord, our God, has anointed me to share good news with the poor, to bind and bring together all broken, lonely lives—those who await new hope. *Refrain*
5. Proclaim a year of blessing from Yahweh, our God, this the word of the Lord; and to those held captive in their chains of spirit and of flesh: give them freedom’s joy! *Refrain*
6. No longer shall the mournful dwell in their tears; give them gladness to see the beauty of the one whose life is but their ev’ry breath: now let sorrow flee! *Refrain*
7. In you, O God, my heart is glad as freely as I live in your saving love; to know the presence of your word within my ev’ry hope: let this vision now live. *Refrain*