

## Get Together by The Youngbloods

Love is but a song to sing,  
fear's the way we die.  
You can make the mountains ring  
or make the angels cry.  
Though the bird is on the wing  
And you may not know why,

Chorus: Come on people now,  
Smile on your brother  
Everybody get together  
right now.

Some may come and some may go,  
We shall surely pass  
when the One that left us here  
returns for us at last.  
We are but a moment's sunlight  
fading in the grass,

Chorus: Come on people now....

If you hear the song I sing,  
You will understand  
You hold the key to love and fear  
In your trembling hand.  
Just one key unlocks them all.  
It's there at your command.

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Our prayer is characterized by silence ~  
*Be still and know that I am God!*

In that silence we listen for a new word.  
God is present in all our lives.  
God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

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## To Ponder

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Our world today is coping with a global pandemic, and the US is confronting our legacy of racial injustice. Under normal circumstances facing foes like these could bring a nation together, but bitter partisanship has led us into a cold war within our borders... History tells us that a society can progress together but it will not happen without effort... Representative democracy only works when all its citizens are treated equal before the law, regardless of race or gender or class. Unity comes not by denying persistent injustices but by engaging each other as fellow human beings... At times like these our nation's motto, "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of Many One) may seem naïve. Being united amid disagreements is essential to being Americans however. We are certainly many, but we can also be one.

## Reading

Nan C. Merrill *Psalms for Praying*

### Psalms 143

Divine Light shines on those  
who live in Love.  
I shall uphold all who are  
burdened with fear,  
and raise up all who call to Me.

The time is nigh for you to choose,  
for great is the new dawn  
that fast approaches;  
I call each of you to open your  
inner ears,  
to see with spiritual eyes,  
and to trust that even amidst the  
outward chaos,  
all is working toward the  
wholeness of humanity.  
Lift up your hearts, all of you  
who choose the path of Life!  
Help rebuild the soul of the world.

## Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...