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We sing together:

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*To a better way of living,
Loving all around that we,
Sharing, giving, loving, caring,
Learn to live life just as He.
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He will lead us out of darkness
Into light, the way is clear.
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