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Genesis 1:1-13

In his *Christian Theology* H. Orton Wiley, a well-known early Wesleyan theologian described Genesis 1 as the "Hymn of Creation" or "Poem of the Dawn." This prompted me to investigate several hymnals to see how our hymns reflect his description of creation. One hymnal listed 27 hymns and readings specific to creation while the second hymnal's topical index enumerated 22 creation hymns.

Here is a sample of these hymns:

Isaac Watts "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed Where'er I turn my eye

Francis of Assisi "All Creatures of our God and King"

Thou flowing water pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear

Henry van Dyke "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; Earth and Heav'n reflect Thy rays

God gave us this gift of creation and we are to take delight and pleasure in His handiwork.

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