



A HYMN FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY

She is the tree of life – Inspired by Proverbs 3:18, ‘*She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.*’ NRSV

Suggested tune: THE SERVANT SONG

1. Tree of wisdom, give us shelter,
shade beneath your branches wide,
tree of life as God our maker,
comforted at Jesus’ side.
2. Branches reaching out in wonder,
tree of life with such strong frame.
Help us cast our pains asunder,
claim our lives in your sweet name.
3. Springtime’s days with such fresh promise
daring buds to quest and grow.
Resurrect our sense of homage,
shoots of green from what you sow.
4. Canopy of radiant splendour,
blossom, fruit and leaves and birds.
Fullest shape of greening wonder.
Tree of life, we love your Word.
5. All the colours of sweet autumn
show us hues of Godly change.
Help us greet this phase of waiting.
We are yours to rearrange.
6. When we see great change before us,
challenges we must endure.
Give us roots in your deep wisdom
help us, God, to be secure.
7. Glimpsing heaven through the treetops;
canopy of love and space.
Help us build your wisdom earthwards,
golden leaves of peace and grace.

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