

Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

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**Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er His breath has given,
Life to beings meant for Heaven.**

**Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world, and keeps it still,
How He sent His Son to save
All who help and comfort crave.**

**Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who forever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.**

**Tell them of the Spirit given
Now to guide us up to heaven,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.**

**Word of life, most pure and strong,
Lo! for Thee the nations long,
Spread, till from its dreary night
All the world awakes to light.**

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