

Upon the Plain of Shinar

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Pentecost; Genesis 11:1–9; Acts 2:1–10, 22–24, 36–41

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They formed and fired bricks of mud To raise a town with tower tall.
2. They said, "This tow'r and city bold Shall serve as beacons for our race.
Their majesty our hearts shall hold And cease our straying from this place."
3. Their wicked, vain, and prideful hearts The Lord condemned: "It shall not be.
Your evil minds pervert fair arts—You think yourselves to be like Me.
4. "This unity of sinful pride Has led you to deep shame and woes.
Your evil efforts I've denied—Now turn, O neighbors, into foes.
5. "Your tongues," He said, "Shall speak no more What each the other comprehends.
Your pridefulness I do abhor; Be banished to the earth's far ends."
6. This curse upon our fathers' pride Its full and fell intent achieved.
Mankind was scattered far and wide And foreign tongues were ill-received.
7. To join the scattered tribes again The Son of God took human frame.
By bloody death, through bitter pain, He reconciled us in His name.
8. Then came the time for Christ's ascent To God's right hand, His heav'nly home.
The Holy Spirit Jesus sent, To grow and counsel Christendom.
9. The Spirit clearly testifies, "Believe in Christ; be whole again.
Forsake fore'er satanic lies And live as one with God and men."
10. Come join in faith, each race and tribe: Sing praise to God, the Father wise,
The Spirit, and the crucified And resurrected Jesus Christ.

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