**There is Room in God's Great Welcome**

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There is room in God's great welcome; See! The doors are open wide!  
Here on earth as in God's heaven, hear the call to come inside!  
There is so much room for difference — men and women, gay and straight.  
In God's love, the rooms are countless, but there is no room for hate.

There is room in our good nation if we stand on justice-ground.  
God has made a good creation; colors, cultures all abound.  
Welcome, sister! Welcome, brother! All those yearning to breathe free!  
There is room for one another but no room for bigotry.

There is room for understanding, for the outcast and the poor;  
For the Christian, Jew and Muslim — there is room for these and more.  
For the people on the fringes, for the ones with long career,  
There is room for building bridges, but there is no room for fear.

There is room in faithful churches for the wounded and oppressed:  
Women who've been told they're worthless, refugees who feel distressed,  
Immigrants who fear the future, people scorned and pushed and shoved.  
God, may we seek what you treasure: may we all make room for love.

Biblical References: Deuteronomy 10:19; Leviticus 19:34; Isaiah 56:1-8; Matthew 5:26-48, 25:31-46; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 10:35-47, 13:29, 14:15-24; John 3:16-17, 14:2, 10:16, 13:3-35; Acts 2:21, 8:26-40, 10:34; Romans 13:10; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:30-5:1; Hebrews 13:1; 1 John 4:7-8

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