



Anthem: Hear Me Now, O Lord

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I come with questions for You, God:

Are you there, Lord?
Do you hear my prayer?
Will Your light come through the shadows?

Answer:

God is loving and compassionate.
God is my Counselor, the Everlasting Light.
God cares.

I ask for Your guidance, God.

I am tired and hurting.
I am distressed and in need of assurance.
I need Your guidance and wisdom.

Answer:

God strengthens and encourages.
God's presence and wisdom are nourishment.
God cares.

God, You hear me and are always with me.
I only need to come to You and to call upon You.

Anthem Text

Hear me now, O Lord, I come with rev'ence to You.
Hear me now, O Lord, **I come with questions for You.**
When my days are like the shadows of evening,
Filled with darkness and despair,
Then I know that in Your love and compassion,
You will counsel me, You will care.

Hear me now, O Lord, I come with rev'ence to You.
Hear me now, O Lord, **I ask for guidance from You.**
When my heart is like a tree without water,
anguished and in need of prayer.
Then I hunger and I thirst for Your wisdom.
You will nourish me; You will care.

Hear me now, O Lord, I come with rev'ence to You.
Hear me now, O Lord, **I come to You.**

Prayer: God, I come in reverence to You. Thank you for hearing when I come to you in prayer. Thank you for caring for me. Thank you for strengthening and encouraging me. Thank you for never leaving me alone. Thank you. Amen.