

# Now as Priests

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*(1Peter 2:9)*

1. Priests of old were con- se- crat- ed, Draw- ing near the ho- ly place,  
2. Priests of old were nev- er wea- ry, Tend- ing God's most ho- ly law;  
3. Priests of old prayed for the na- tion, In- ter- ced- ing for their sin,  
4. Priests of old in- formed God's chil- dren, Tell- ing what the Lord had done,

Pu- ri- fied and ded- i- cat- ed, Rep- re- sent- ing Is- rael's race.  
Keep- ers of the sanc- tu- ar- y, Filled with rev- er- ence and awe.  
Thank- ing God for their sal- va- tion, Plead- ing on be- half of men.  
Spread- ing God's love through- out Ca- naan, Off- ring hope to eve- ry- one.

Now as priests, we all are ho- ly, Set a- part to serve our King.  
Now as priests, we all ex- tol Him, With de- vo- tion all our days.  
Now as priests, we all im- plore Him, Plead- ing that we will not stray;  
Now as priests, we all pro- claim Him, Guid- ing sin- ners to His throne,

Draw- ing near the One and On- ly, Faith- ful lives to Him we bring.  
We now wor- ship as we serve Him; Sac- ri- fic- ing words of praise.  
With thanks- giv- ing, we come near Him, Pray- ing that He guard our way.  
Urg- ing oth- ers to ac- claim Him, Prais- ing Him, and Him a- lone!

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