

GOD, YOU WRAP YOUR LOVE AROUND US

A hymn for Church World Service's Blanket Sunday

CONVERSE 8.7.8.7 D ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

God, you wrap your love around us, Like a blanket, soft and warm.
You give rest when we are weary, You protect us from the storm.
May each person who finds shelter In these blankets that we share
Also feel the joy and comfort Of your love's protecting care.

Jesus, you were once a baby, Sought by those who would destroy.
Into Egypt you were carried — Far from home, a little boy.
Were you wrapped up warm to travel, Safe from terror, free from harm?
Did you feel God's strong protection, Snuggled there in Mary's arm?

May the women, men and children Fleeing danger every day
Know, through us, your living presence; You walk with them on their way.
Spirit, as you give them comfort, Teach us here to freely give;
May we blanket this world over With your love, so all may live.

Tune: Charles Crozat Converse, 1868 ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus") (MIDI)

Alternate tune: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1870 ("Love Divine, All Loves Excelling") (MIDI)

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