

You ask me what hope is, the English version of *Du spør mig om håbet*, which won the DanChurchAid / Folkekirken Nødhjælp 100-year song competition in 2022.

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G Gmaj7/b C(9) Am7 /g D(9)

You ask me un-cer-tain what hope is, a long-ing, a spi-rit, a storm? a

G(9) Gmaj7/b C(9) Am7 /g D/f# D

light-shaft trans-fu-sing the o-cean? a sha-dow pur-su-ing a form? But

C(9) D Em D(9)/f# D Bm7 Cmaj9

just as you think this is all emp-ty air, you find hope is pre-sent,

C6/d G Gmaj7 C/g G Gmaj7 C/g

you find it is there.

1. You ask me uncertain what hope is,  
a longing, a spirit, a storm?  
a light-shaft transfusing the ocean?  
a shadow pursuing a form?  
But just as you think this is all empty air,  
you find hope  
is present,  
you find it is there.

2. You find it on altars in churches;  
it burns with a flickering glow  
on tables around which we gather  
to share daily bread as we grow.  
And just as you think this is all empty air,  
you find hope  
is shining,  
and shining right there.

3. It shines in the dark, you can grasp it;  
it turns into help that arrives  
in places where people are hoping  
that others will hope for *their* lives  
And just as you think this is all empty air,  
you find hope  
is growing,  
and growing right there.

4. The hungry are fed, and new bridges  
are built as the land comes alive,  
the stone-field reveals a green shimmer,  
and forests are starting to thrive.  
And just as you think this is all empty air,  
you find hope  
is living,  
and living right there.

5. You ask me what hope is – I wonder.  
God gave it to help us along:  
a yearning in hearts that are darkened  
to action, to speech, and to song.  
And just as you think it will never appear,  
you find hope  
is singing,  
is singing right here.

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