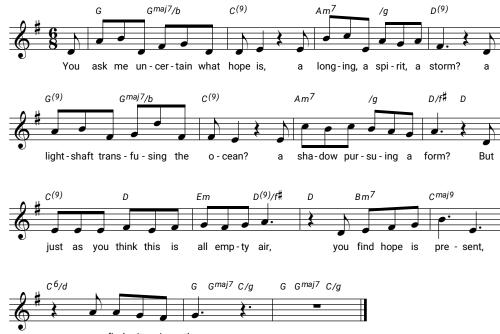
You ask me what hope is, the English version of *Du spør mig om håbet*, which won the DanChurchAid / Folkekirkens Nødhjælp 100-year song competition in 2022.

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you find it is there.

 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. 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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