## IN THE BEGINNING

(OLD TESTAMENT)

Extol Him who chose to create heaven and earth With His wisdom power and might, He lovingly gave them birth As a formless dark and empty space, responded to His call Everything heard God's mighty voice, all creatures great and small.

His spinning brilliant splendorous stars, as numerous as grains of sand Rejoiced in perfect harmony over God's design so grand His intricate enduring creation; an expression of gracious love Brought sounds of joy from His angels as light flooded down from above.

The image of the Spirit of God, hovered over the waters deep Like a mother bird protecting her young, never failing to safely keep In His own image using only dust, He molded and formed the man Breathing life into his nostrils; all according to His own plan.

Your might and work we'll proclaim to all; to every generation An everlasting glorious kingdom; Your invaluable rich creation Jesus the Christ, our risen Savior, glorified while here on earth Was present with You at the beginning when our world was given birth.

("GOD'S CREATION" Painted by Doris Cox)

## Genesis 1: 1-3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.