

The Creation

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*Arranged for single or choral oral reading
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And God stepped out on space
And he looked around and said,
 "I'm lonely-
 I'll make a world."

slow

As far as the eye of God can see
Darkness covered everything,
Blacker than a hundred midnights
Down in a cypress swamp.

fast

Then God smiled,

moderate

And the lights broke
And the darkness rolled up on one side,
And the light stood shining on the other,

fast

And God said, "That's good!"

slow

Then God took the light in His hands,
Until He made the sun;
And He set that sun a-blazing in the heavens
And the light that was left from making the sun
God gathered it up in a shining ball
And flung it against the darkness

fast

Spangling the night with the moon and the stars.

slow

Then down between
The darkness and the light
He hurled the world the world;

fast

And God said, "That's good!"

slow

Then God himself stepped down
And the sun was on His right hand.,
And the moon was on his left;

moderate

The stars were clustered about His hand,

fast

And the earth was under His feet.

slow

And God walked and where he trod
His footsteps hollowed the valleys out
And bulged the mountains up.

slow

Then He stopped and looked and saw

fast

That the earth was hot and barren
So God stepped over to the edge of the world
And he spat out the seven seas;
He batted his eyes and the lightning flashed;
He clapped his hands and the thunders rolled;

slow

And the waters above the earth came down,
The cooling waters came down.

moderate

Then the green grass sprouted,
The little flowers blossomed,

fast

And the pine tree pointed its fingers to the sky,
And the oak spread out its arm
The lakes cuddled down in the hollows of the ground,
And the rivers ran down to the sea;

slow

And God smiled again,
And the rainbows appeared,
And curled itself around His shoulders.

fast

Then God raised His arm and waved His hand
Over the sea and over the land;

slow, loud

And He said, "Bring forth! Bring forth!"

moderate

And quicker than God could drop His hand,

fast

Fishes and fowls and beasts and birds
Swam the rivers and the seas,
Roamed the forests and the woods,
And split the air with their wings,

slow

And God said, "That's good!"

moderate

Then God walked around
And God looked around
On all that He had made.
He looked at His sun,
And He looked at His moon.

And He looked at His little stars;
He looked at His little world
With all its living things,

Slow, soft

And God said, "I'm lonely still."
voice

Then God sat down

very slow

On the side of the hill where He could think

fast

By a deep wide river he sat down;

slow

With His head on His Hands,
God thought and thought

fast

Till He thought, "I'll make me a man."

slow

Up from the bed of the river

fast

God scooped the clay;

slow

And by the bank of the river

fast

He kneeled Him down;

slow

And here the Almighty God,
moderate

Who lit the sun and fixed it in the sky,
Who flung the stars to the most far corner of the night
Who rounded the earth in the middle of His hand-

slowly

This Great God,

very

Like a mommy kneeling over her baby,
slowly

Kneeled down in the dust
Toiling over a lamp of clay
Till He shaped it in His own image;

whisper

Then into it blew the breath of life

loud

And man became

soft

a living soul.

loud

Amen. Amen.

Grade 8: Sassy chant (3 pieces to present all;
secondary level
just connect these
three for the
contest piece)

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2. Do You Like It?

This chant offers practice in the emphatic forms *really/a lot*, the reduced vowel sound in *it*, and the contraction *I'm*.

2 Do You Like It? *

Do you like it?

I like it a lot.

I'm glad.

Do you like it?

I like it a lot.

I'm glad.

Do you like it?

Do you really like it?

Do you like it?

Do you really like it?

Do you like it?

Do you really like it?

I like it a lot.

I'm glad.

3 How Do You Like It? *

3. How Do You Like It?

This chant offers practice in asking for an opinion or approval. Students should practice the sound of the contractions *it's* and *I'm*.

How do you like it?

I love it.

How do you like it?

I like it a lot.

How do you like it?

I like it a lot.

It's wonderful.

I'm glad you like it.

Is this OK?

It's wonderful.

Is this all right?

It's wonderful.

Is this OK?

It's wonderful.

Good.

I'm glad you like it.