

The Hymnal 1982 - #603 When Christ was lifted from the earth

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- 1 When Christ was lifted from the earth,
 his arms stretched out above
 through every culture, every birth,
 to draw an answering love.
- 2 Still east and west his love extends
 and always, near or far,
 he calls and claims us as his friends
 and loves us as we are.
- 3 Where generation, class, or race

divide us to our shame,
he sees not labels but a face,
a person, and a name.
4 Thus freely loved, though fully known,
may I in Christ be free
to welcome and accept his own
as Christ accepted me.

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