

Come to the Banquet

Dm *C* *Dm* *Fine*

Come to the ban - quet, there's a place for you.

C *A7*

Though you may - be have no mon - ey, though you may - be feel un - wor - thy,
 See, you are an hon - oured guest, from con - stant serv - ing you may rest; so
 Wo - man, wise one, mo - ther, maid - en, see your plate with food is la - den
 Work - er, fa - ther, lit - tle boy, old man or youth with - out em - ploy, come
 Wheth - er, you've been lost or faith - ful, wheth - er you've been wise or waste - ful,

Dm *Bb* *Am* *Dm* *D.C.*

in your strength or in your weak - ness you are wel - come, come.
 sit you down, be fed and blessed, for you are wel - come, come.
 and your place is set and wait - ing. You are wel - come, come.
 rest your wor - ry, here is joy, and you are wel - come, come.
 here's a place of rest and grace, and you are wel - come, come.

Many Bible stories are recalled in this song that celebrates our invitation to Christ's table. Sing them all, or one or two when focusing on certain stories or themes.

The song works well accompanied by guitar and percussion. You can sing it all at the same tempo, or start slowly and increase the tempo slightly with each verse. The song also makes a good Communion processional.

Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.
 Here is one who runs to meet you,
 loving arms stretched out to greet you.
 Do not let your fear defeat you.
 You are welcome, come.

Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.
 Willing hands have made this bread
 with yeast and salt and labour shared.
 Let all the hungry ones be fed.
 It's time for feasting, come.

Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.
 Abundant wine, enough for all!
 Our generous, loving host has called.
 The cup of blessing now is poured
 for sweet communion, come.
Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.

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1
Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Though you maybe have no money, though you maybe feel unworthy
In your strength or in your weakness you are welcome, come

2
Come to the banquet there's a place for you
See, you are an honoured guest, from constant serving you may rest
So, sit you down, be fed & blessed for you are welcome, come

3
Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Woman, wise one, mother, maiden, see your plate with food is laden
And your place is set and waiting, you are welcome, come

4
Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Worker, father, little boy, old man or youth without employ
Come rest your worry, here is joy and you are welcome, come.

5
Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Whether you've been lost or faithful, whether you've been wise or wasteful
Here's a place of rest and grace and you are welcome, come

6
Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Here is one who runs to meet you loving arms stretched out to greet you
Do not let your fear defeat you, you are welcome, come

7
Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Willing hands have made this bread with salt and yeast and labour shared
Let all the hungry ones be fed; it's time for feasting, come

8
Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Abundant wine, enough for all; our generous loving host has called
The cup of blessing now is poured for sweet communion, come

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