

MAY WE BE ONE

1. May we be one,
bound in love forever,
growing close together day by day;
growing as God fills us with his life —
we are joined in him, he makes us one.
2. May we be one,
as our Father planned it —
may the love of Jesus make us strong.
No-one can harm us when he is near —
he has brought us peace, he makes us one.
3. May we be one,
Jesus' truth to bind us —
with his body he unites us all;
dying our death he restores our life,
living with us now he makes us one.
4. May we be one,
sharing life together
with the Father and his only Son.
Now we have life in this world of death;
heaven has begun, he makes us one.
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1981. How often in the New Testament is unity urged on the first Christians?

I was working on this song for one of our regular student services, which took its theme — 'May they be one' - from John 17. Dorothy heard me singing it and asked if it was for an approaching wedding we were singing at. Well, it became a song for both occasions, and was first sung for the wedding service at St Stephen's. I don't know how many weddings it's been sung at since, but I think it must be several hundred.

Every person you make is unique.
Help us understand and appreciate the differences,
and work for the unity and mutual support this one world needs
for it's health and well-being.

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Reign of Christ C, Christmas 1 C, weddings