

BREAD OF HEAVEN

He gave them grain from heaven, by sending down manna for them to eat. So they ate the food of angels, and God gave them all they wanted. Psalm 78:24,25 1988. The Uniting Church of Australia organises a biennial youth gathering called National Christian Youth Convention (NCYC). Since 1975 I've had some connection with most of their events, mainly through sending off songs that reflect the chosen themes. In 1989, Dorothy and I were asked to be guest artists in Perth, where the theme was 'Cross The Desert'. This song was one that I wrote for the convention.

1. Bread of heaven in the desert,
precious manna from above,
bread of angels from the Father
fed the children of his love.
Bread of heaven, be our food today,
make us strong to walk your desert way,
bread of heaven,
for the life that never ends.
2. Bread of heaven left his glory,
was a human on this earth,
and his body, it was broken
to abolish Eden's curse.
Bread of heaven, broken for us all,
may your blood bring peace to all the world,
bread of heaven,
for the life that never ends.
3. Bread of heaven, at the table,
such an ordinary meal,
but the Saviour gives it power
both to comfort and to heal.
Bread of heaven, take away my sin,
let your Spirit always live within,
bread of heaven,
for the life that never ends.
4. Bread of heaven, give us new hearts,
teach us how to love and share;
all are equal at the table,
make us equal everywhere.
Bread of heaven, here you make us one,
may it be a taste of what's to come,
bread of heaven,
for the life that never ends.