

LISTEN TO HIM

1987. Like many songs this one started from a book I read: "The Holy Spirit: Shy Member of the Trinity". Friedrich Bruner and William Hordern each contribute 2 essays/lectures to this slim volume. One of Bruner's highlights the way in which both the Spirit and the Father point to Jesus as the one to focus our attention on. The phrase "Listen to Him!" occurs at both the baptism of Jesus and at his Transfiguration. The music began as a drum pattern and a riff on the synthesiser I had recently bought (Ensoniq ESQ1). The combination of this book and the synthesiser also produced "Spirit Of God, Fly Like A Dove" in that month, July 1987.

1. Breezes whisper without meaning,
sands lie silent on the beach;
earth has no self-explanation –
only one can give it speech.

Listen to him – Jesus, the eternal one.
Listen to him – angels sang when he was born.
Listen to him – now the word of God is known
in his only Son.

2. He must show the truth about us –
sin has made us deaf and blind.
We could never understand him,
so he comes, a man in time.

3. How does Jesus break the silence?
With an offer to the lost:
'Come, a home is ready for you!'
Opens heaven with a cross.

4. Now I've heard you speaking clearly –
word and water, bread and wine –
I might recognize your accent
anywhere and anytime.

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