

Lemons

Music: to the tune of NOEL [It came upon the midnight clear] (D.C.M.) Arr by A Sullivan
Words: Brenton Prigge © 2006 New Hymn (Admin: Brenton Prigge)

[MHB 130]

CCLI# 4868824

1. We cannot claim the peace on Earth
and celebrate goodwill
if we have violence in our hearts
or wish another ill.
If lemon trees should claim to be
some new and sweeter flower,
we'll know their essence is unchanged
if fruit they bear is sour.
2. We cannot sing of tidings glad
once heard from angel tongues
while it's the season and yet live
like devils when it's done.
The axe is ready at the roots –
what kind of tree are we?
And do we truly bear the fruit
of sinners now set free?
3. We cannot come adoringly
and at a manger bow,
when He who died upon our cross
remains a stranger now.
But if we know Emmanuel,
let God be seen here still;
oh let our fruit be peace on earth,
and let us spread good will!
4. For we can claim God's peace on Earth
when it in us resides
and when we give the joy we know
away on every side.
And then at last the fruit we bear
the world may truly feed,
as we proclaim in all we do
God is with us indeed.

Based on Revised Common Lectionary (C) for 3rd Advent:

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

For more hymns by Brenton Prigge visit www.newhymn.com

Reproduction is permitted for those registered with CCLI or One License

Please report use of this song in your annual copyright report