

Listen to God's Love Song

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“See my vineyard fair,
planted, walled and watered,
pruned with loving care;
ready to yield
on every fruiting vine
grapes of love and justice
for my finest wine!”

“But what if my vineyard,
breaking love and trust,
gives me only wild grapes,
bitter and unjust?
Then with an axe
my sorrow shall be shown.
I will leave it fenceless,
trampled, overgrown!”

We ourselves are branches
fed by Christ, the Vine,
joined through one another
as we intertwine,
watching in awe
our Grower stoop and stand,
tying, training, musing,
pruning-knife in hand.

Money, fame or numbers –
Every measure's moot.
Ask the Grower's question:
“Are we bearing fruit,
year after year,
dear Christ, without a fuss,
loving, loving, loving,
as you first loved us?”

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Tune: NOEL NOUVELET (FRENCH CAROL) [Several hymnals including United Methodist Hymnal #311 and my hymn collection, “Love's Open Door”- Hope Publishing Company 2009]

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