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1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
   south or north, but one great fellow-
   ship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high com-
   munion find; his service is the
   golden cord closing binding human kind.

3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your
   race may be. All children of the
   living God are surely kind to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet
   south and north. All Christly souls are
   one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.