

# Altar to the Unknown God

## Theocracy

Build a fire and fan the flame  
Sacrifice without a name  
Offerings on the altar to the unknown god

Multitudes of gods cover our landscapes and our lives  
Images of deities and halls of sacrifice  
Philosophers and scholars and sophisticates we are  
Our gods are our religion and religion is our god

A stranger came to town one day  
And fearlessly proclaimed  
"The unknown god you worship  
On this altar has a name"  
He said, "This god is not an image  
Or a statue of the dead  
In Him we live and have our being  
As your own poets have said"

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Dance around the altar blaze  
Brings the works your hands have made  
Place them on the altar to the unknown god

He dwells not in temples  
Built by human hands  
He needs no assistance  
Or service of man  
The nameless you worship  
Is greater than all  
Your idols of death  
Never answer your call  
All nations He formed  
From the flesh of one man  
He marked out their times  
And the boundaries of lands  
Your life and your breath  
He bestows with the day  
So seek Him and find Him  
For He is not far away

Fire upon the altar  
Burns the sacrifice  
Sacrificial lamb was slain to pay the final price  
Come, ye heavy laden  
Sinner's mercy cry  
The unknown God your call upon is nigh

Gather 'round the altar  
Stoke the holy fire  
Purifying flames of righteousness  
Are rising higher  
Come ye hungry, eat the bread of life  
And drink the wine  
Altar to the living God divine

No image of stone or of silver and gold  
No effigy mankind has raised to behold  
The day and the hour of judgment is set  
He's proven Him by the resurrection of the dead

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Stand before the altar blaze  
Bring the lives His hands have made  
Place them on the altar to the one true god  
Your unknown god  
Is the one living God