**Now we need a God who is there**

*A Lenten song for a world in which the siege of Mariupol can happen*

*tune: Are you going to Scarborough fair?*

Now we need a God who is there,

active, caring, always around,

who’s lived the hurts distressed people share,

feet placed firmly on the ground.

Now we need a God who is strong,

bold, defiant, ready to die,

who won’t back down when faced with wrong,

stares each despot in the eye.

Now we need a God who is weak,

humble, pow’rless, sharing our grief,

who knows the doubts that haunt the meek,

stays and helps us, off’ring relief.

Now we need a God who is good,

helping, healing, full of fight,

who’ll spend himself to do what we should,

dies to make this sick world come right.

Christ, who came both weak and strong,

God among us, helping somehow,

who lived and died to overcome wrong,

know, for sure, that we need you now.

*John Campbell, 23/3/22*

*this may be sung antiphonally – some singing lines one and three of each verse, others singing lines two and four.*

*until the last line of the last verse which everyone sings together.*

*for the tune search You Tube for ‘Are you going to Scarborough Fair?’ or*

 *try this with Sheku….*

[*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQVqxzzEhG4&list=RDxQVqxzzEhG4&start\_radio=1*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQVqxzzEhG4&list=RDxQVqxzzEhG4&start_radio=1)