

## THE LIVING BREAD

From His own mouth God blew His breath  
into two lips of earth-red clay,  
and man, at once, became alive  
to walk within His Maker's way.

But humans swallowed deadly fruit  
that choked their minds with opened eyes.  
It rendered moral choice their own,  
wide open to the devil's lies.

Yet, God gave manna from above  
to symbolize the higher bread  
that He would speak so we might live.  
On God-breathed words we must be fed.

Then God the Son, the living Word,  
came down to meet the sinner's need.  
His body was the Word made flesh,  
on Whom each faithful heart must feed.

Spit out that fruit of sin's deceit  
which made us judges of what's right!  
God's mouth alone speaks words of truth  
that guide our feet within His light!

Those Spirit-words can nourish well,  
but all their record has one goal:  
to lead us to the Living Bread,  
the Word of Life, Who feeds the soul.

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