

SING TO CELEBRATE THE CITY

- 1 Sing to celebrate the city!
sing the lives of people there,
sing the work of skill and beauty,
all who serve and all who care:
in the dictates of the dollar,
in the systems where we live,
find the currency of kindness,
eyes to smile and hearts to give.

- 2 We who are the city's traffic,
driving, driven, keeping pace,
name the God who makes us neighbours,
gives our faith a human face:
in the workplace of God's people,
in the high-rise and the home
our agenda is for justice,
changing lives for good to come.

- 3 Celebrate the art of living!
every colour, every sport,
every culture's dance and music,
every truth that love has taught.
Work for good within our city,
build where damage has been done,
friendship is our common language -
celebrate what makes us one!

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The original final verse had a specifically Christian ending. Shirley has re-written it especially for the peace vigil for Manchester and Salford and gifts it to us with her blessings and good wishes. Please use it and share it with others as you wish. We thank God for the internet and Shirley's swift response that linked New Zealand with Manchester and Salford last night.