

# Here I Am Lord

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*G Am7 A7sus4 D G*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

*G Asus4 Dsus4 D*

I have heard my peo - ple cry.

*Em Am7 Am*

All who dwell in dark and sin,

*C D*

My hand will save.

*G Am7 A7sus4 D G*

I who made the stars of night,

*G Asus4 Dsus4 D*

I will make their dark-ness bright,

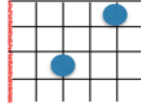
*Em Am7 Am*

Who will bear my light to them?

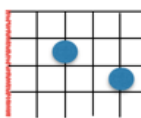
*C D*

Whom shall I send?

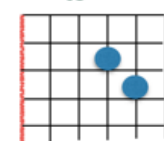
*Am7*



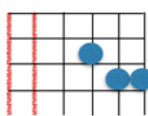
*A7sus4*



*Asus4*



*Dsus4*



*G Am7 A7sus4 D G*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

*G Asus4 Dsus4 D*

I have borne my peo - ple's pain.

*Em Am7 Am*

I have wept for love of them,

*C D*

They turn away.

*G Am7 A7sus4 D G*

I will break, their hearts of stone,

*G Asus4 Dsus4 D*

Give them hearts for love a - - lone.

*Em Am7 Am*

I will speak my word to them.

*C D*

Whom shall I send?

## CHORUS

*D G D C D G Caad9 G*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

*Caad9 G Am7 D7 D*

I have heard You calling in the night.

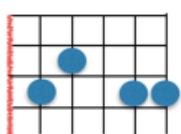
*D7 G D C D G Caad9 G*

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

*Caad9 G Am7 Dsus4 D G*

I will hold Your people in my heart.

*Caad9*



Play not upon the  
**reddened** strings.

## CHORUS

*G Am7 A7sus4 D G*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

*G Asus4 Dsus4 D*

I will tend the poor and lame.

*Em Am7 Am*

I will set a feast for them,

*C D*

My hand will save.

*G Am7 A7sus4 D G*

Finest bread I will pro - - vide,

*G Asus4 Dsus4 D*

Till their hearts be sa - - tis - - fied.

*Em Am7 Am*

I will give my life to them.

*C D*

Whom shall I send?

## CHORUS

# Scripture and History

**Isaiah 6:8** And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

**1Samuel 3:8-10** And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

“**Here I Am Lord**” was composed by Dan Schutte in 1981. He grew up in Elm Grove, Wisconsin and graduated from Marquette University High School before entering the Jesuits.



He was one of the founding members of the St. Louis Jesuits who, in the 1970s and 80s popularized a contemporary style of church music set to sacred texts.



This group of composers was made up of Catholic Jesuit seminarians at St

Louis University.

Without intent, a groundswell of popularity took place when students, seminarians, and women’s religious groups took stenciled, mimeographed copies of their new music back to their communities. Despite the misgivings about Roman Catholics that are still extant in some denominations, this hymn is often sung in many Protestant worship services.

In 2006, Schutte wrote use of music in prayer components for a major catechetical program for teachers of the *Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola*.

In addition to his Jesuit formation, Schutte holds two master of arts degrees, one in theology and one in liturgy from The Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. Schutte is also an alumnus Seattle University where he did graduate studies in music composition under the direction of Fr. Kevin Waters S.J. He has received three honorary doctoral degrees for his contribution to the life of the church. Two of the honorary doctorates are in humane letters and the third is in music.

Schutte presently is Composer-in-Residence at the University of San Francisco.

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