

# *On the First Day*

*By Alice Schuman*

*On the first day of the heavens and Earth,*

*God was already here.*

*On the first day of the first human,*

*God was already here.*

*On the first day that Jesus came to live amongst us,*

*God was already here.*

*On the first day of my life on Earth,*

*God was already here.*

*On the first day of my new life in Christ Jesus,*

*when I was washed in the waters of Holy Baptism*

*God was already here.*

*Yes, even though I walk through that shadowed valley of death,*

*I don't need to be fearful for*

*God will be already there to hold my hand.*

*On the first day of my life in His Forever Kingdom,*

*God will be already there. Hallelujah!*

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