

## Part of the Family (the Hymn)

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You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family.  
God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

Children and elders, middlers and teens, singles and doubles and in-betweens,  
Strong eighty fivers and street-wise sixteens, for we are a part of the family.  
Greeters and shoppers, long-time and new, nobody here has a claim on a per;  
and whether we're many or whether we're few, we are a part of the family.

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine; we are the branches, Christ is the  
vine.

This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family.  
There's rest for the weary and health for us all; there's a yoke that is easy, and a  
burden that's small.

So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family.

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