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Whose role in shaping history God only could conceive  
And though, through endless ages, their witness was repressed  
God valued and encouraged then through whom the world was blessed

So sing a song of Sarah to laughter she gave birth  
And sing a song of Tamar who stood for women's worth  
And sing a song of Hannah who bargained with her Lord  
And sing a song of Mary who bore and bred God's Word

There is a line of women who took on powerful men  
Defying laws and scruples to let life live again  
And though, despite their triumph, their stories stayed untold  
God kept their number growing, creative strong and bold

So sing a song of Shiphrah with Puah in her hand  
Engaged to kill male children they foiled the king's command  
And sing a song of Rahab who sheltered spies and lied  
And sing a song of Esther, preventing genocide

There is a line of women who stood by Jesus' side  
Who housed him while he ministered and held him when he died  
And though they claimed he'd risen their news was deemed suspect  
Till Jesus stood among them, his womanly elect

So sing a song of Anna who saw Christ's infant face  
And sing a song of Martha who gave him food and space  
And sing of all the Marys who heeded his requests  
And now at heaven's banquet are Jesus' fondest guests.

*John L Bell*

*Tune: Stand up, stand up for Jesus*

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