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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

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