

## **The Longing for Something More**

Opening adapted for Antiphonal  
Gretchen Haley

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breaks your heart  
Is welcome here**

*We'll make a space for it  
Give it its due time  
and praise  
for the wanting it represents  
the longing for something more,  
some healing hope that remains  
not  
yet*

**We promise no magic  
no making it all better  
But offer only this circle of trust**

*This human community  
that remembers  
Though imperfectly  
that sings and prays  
though sometimes  
awkwardly*

**This gathering that loves,  
though not yet enough  
We're still practicing  
After all,  
still learning,  
still in need of help  
and partners**

*Still becoming  
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