

Anyway...

cf 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
'Hallelujah anyway' - the spiritual defiance of the oppressed.

**God who strengthens the enslaved
with the defiance of gratitude
for all which escapes the hands of oppressors:**

**With Christ, we give thanks for all that's hidden
from those, entitled and in charge,
but given to the vulnerable.**

**We thank you for all that it's easy to love:
the sunshine, the birdsong,
the puffins, the dolphins
good food and drink,
for new life, and new hope,
and the church at their best**

**We thank you for what you love anyway,
because you see the good in it:
midges and wasps; winter and fire;
the ending of lives, like the leaves of autumn
when their time has come;
yes, for duties and obligations that shape our lives.**

**We thank you together,
when gratitude's hard on our own.**

**And we thank you alone,
when community's hurting too much.**

We thank you... for the difference thanks makes;

**And dear God for Christ,
your own thanksgiving
of yourself.
Thank-you. (Hallelujah) AMEN**

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