Not A Stranger: A prayer of remembrance

God of light and shadow
Help us remember that you are everywhere

You carry us under the dazzling sky
You celebrate our wins
    Laugh when we laugh
    Dance when we dance
    Feast when we feast
You are the God of unencumbered joy

But life is often full of sorrow
Yet your company is unflinching, my God

You wait for us in the darkest hour
You prepare a place to mourn
    Weep as we weep
    Fall as we fall
    Thirst as we thirst
You are the God who experienced loneliness and pain

Remind us that there is no part of our lives
However sunlit or shadowed it may be
That is unfamiliar to your heart

In all of it, we belong to You, Jesus.
Amen.

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