

## Lac qui Parle

*Joseph Renville (1779-1846)*  
*composed 1842*

♩ = 150

Notes: Joseph Renville, the son of a French Trader and a Dakota mother, was born near St Paul around 1779. He became a missionary, and started a mission at Lac qui Parle in 1835. This mission house translated the Bible into Dakota, and Renville composed this hymn. In Mankato, MN, on Christmas day 1862, as 38 Dakota were being led to the gallows, the convicted warriors sang this song.

In Dakota:

Wakantanka taku, nitawa, tankaya qaota;  
mahpiya kin eyahnake ca, makakin he duowanca.  
Mniowanca sbeya wanke cin, hena ovakihi.

In English:

Many and great, O God, are Thy things, Maker of earth and sky;  
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars, Thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
Lo, at Thy word the waters were formed; Deep seas obey Thy voice.