

# OUR WAY

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Fend it in boys  
And lull it  
Like a child his toys  
Rebuilding every broken bit,

Tend it in rhythm  
Like a xylophonist his strokes  
That hit bit by bit  
Into fallen wood from brooks  
And move eager crowds  
To shake their heads  
Clap their hands  
Weave their steps  
And take their share.

Fend it eagerly  
Then poke it duly  
Distilling the issuing flames  
For it's your grace  
Before your face  
It's our gold  
Within our fold.

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Not even the Grecian Mars can  
Forge your gongs  
Nor can the "lunar artisan"  
Carve your old doors  
Nor can the Beatles belittling  
Or Händel handling  
Sing your songs  
Sound your drums  
And dance your dance.

Mungo may meet the Thames  
And both shake hands  
And wed in the encircling  
Depth of the Seas; But  
Mungo rains fall not on the Thames.  
Ours is our Culture.  
Let's soothe Her wounds  
And betroth Her indoors.

Andrew Henry Bongasuh Kishani  
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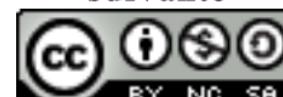


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