A Little Bit of Salt

1. A little bit of salt will quickly show its worth;
2. A lamp that’s in a house gives safety, warmth and light;
3. A garden is a place where so much beauty grows,
4. When worship leads us out to love and serve the poor,
5. It’s tempting to remain well-hidden, quiet, bland—

A little bit of faithfulness will change the earth.
It’s set upon a table where it shines so bright.
Where flowers bloom and food is raised and water flows.
To welcome in the immigrant* at our own door,
Yet, God, you make us salt and light to change this land.

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Tune: YIGDAL (or LEONI) Traditional Hebrew melody.
Arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751-1797
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* “refugee” can be used instead of “immigrant"
God, make us worth our salt—a church that's glad to be
God, make your church a light that bravely takes a stand
When worship leads us out to care for the oppressed,
O God, then we'll be called "repairers of the breach,"
You send us out to love, to build and to repair,

The change that you desire in each community.
To bring your love and justice into all the land.
O God, you say we're like a garden at its best.
And we your church will be "restorers of the streets."
Till peace and justice flourish here and everywhere.