

Awake

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The women who live to bless and
aid will not hide inside the hope

they fervently press on. With faith
they take gigantic steps toward the

voice calling them with clanging bells
to service in the field, on the slopes, the

absent villages and streets where injustice
delivers lilies to those sobbing beneath the

failing light of day. Many have strained in
wonder about what they see in them, how

they return good for wickedness, make the
broken mend, and show the mystery that

makes the world a birthplace for peace.
These completely free women will not

turn their wet eyes away till the dust
across society sings of divinity's casing

light in all the places closed from sight
and dazed by loathing, violence and hate.

These women the gracious Spirit led to hear
the ancient voice that breaks oppressive chains

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