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**Psalm 96 - A Hero's Welcome**

Prepare the streets for the parade!

**Put up more bunting; hang up more flags!**

The one we honour is coming home;

**Our hero is returning.**

We want everyone to know how we feel;

**We want our neighbours to share our celebration.**

For our hero is unique.

**Others put their faith in individuals,**

In weapons or armies,

In economic or political systems.

**We put our faith in the Creator of heaven and earth.**

Near human praise hails before the Creator of all life.

**Words are not enough -**

**We must put our feelings into actions.**

We wave flags; we hang bunting;

We crowd along the curbs.

**Our actions will change nothing -**

**The outcome is already decided -**

**But they help to express our feelings.**

The whole world should be cheering with us;

**Let the earth wave palm branches in praise;**

Let the air fill with rainbows;

**Let spirits burn as bright as fire;**

And water wash clean the sands of time.

**For our Creator is coming back to us**

**To take control of creation.**