Lord, Teach Me How My Tongue to Tame

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Tune Meter: LM

Text: James 3:1-12

Suggested Tune: St. Crispin

Lord, teach me how my tongue to tame,
That others' names I ne'er defame,
But use my words, all of my days,
To honor you and give you praise.

Though ships are large, and oh so tall,

They yet are steered by rudders small;

So too, the tongue, can lead a man

Away from God and His good plan. (Far from the course which God had planned)

Consider what great fire we'll see
When one small spark ignites a tree;
So too the words upon our lips
Can curse a man or sink his ships.

So then, dear Lord, give us the pow'r,
Our tongue to bridle ev'ry hour,
That we might only pray and sing
To you, O Lord, our God and king.

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