

A Litany for four voices - Saying it as it is

Each line of italics in each stanza to be read by a different voice and the main text read by one other voice.

Voice One: I want to go to Church;
I want to worship;
I want to show God how much I love Him.
And I can't

I don't fit in.
I feel out of it!
I am not part of this Church
Especially when I am not asked to
Read
Sing
Take up the collection plate.

I want to be a part of this Church,
I want to feel involved and appreciated
But I feel I don't fit.

I feel out of it
I am not part of this Church
Especially when I am not allowed to
Sit where I like
Join a group in a guy's house
Do a job in this church

From my back row
I saw a new preacher come
I heard their invitation
And I began to feel a part of this Church
When.....

Voice two: The singers said, " *We can see you can sing.*"

Voice Three: The readers said, " *We can see you follow the reading.*"

Voice Four: The Stewards said, " *We can see you want to take part.*"

Voice One: And I gave myself a little smile inside
And my heart felt better
And it felt like this is how it should be.

And the people in the church
Saw me, not my label.
And the people in the church
Heard me, not their voices.

Leader: And the people in the church became real,
And the church was the people
And the people felt like the kingdom of God.