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For the beauty
of the earth



SACRED-SACRED-SACRED-SACRED-SACRED

for Rosemary Heffley and the Texas Choral Directors' Association

For the beauty of the earth

for male-voice choir, T.T.B.B, with keyboard

Words by F. S. Pierpoint (1835–1917)

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Happily (♩ = 66)

PIANO
or
ORGAN

mp delicato

Measures 1-7 of the piano introduction. The music is in 2/2 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The right hand features a flowing eighth-note melody, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Measures 8-11. The Tenor (SOLO or FULL) part begins with a rest in measure 8. The lyrics are: "1. For the beau-ty of the earth, _____". The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture as in the previous section.

Measures 12-15. The Tenor part continues with the lyrics: "For the beau-ty of the skies, _____". The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture.

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For the love _____ which from our birth _____

20

O - ver and a - round us lies, _____ o - ver and a -

23

TENORS (FULL) *mf*

-round us lies: _____ Lord of all, to thee we

mf

27

raise _____ This our joy - ful hymn _____ of

mp

praise. _____

35 **A**
 TENOR 1 *mf*
 TENOR 2
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour _____
 BASS 1
 BASS 2 *mf*

A
mf

39 *unis.*
 Of the day and of the night, _____
 Hill and

43 *unis.*
 Hill and vale _____ and tree and flower, Sun and moon and

unis.
 vale _____ and tree and flower, _____

47
 stars of light: _____ Lord of

Sun and moon and stars of light: _____ Lord of

51 *f*

T.1 all, to thee we raise_____

T.2 all, to thee we raise_____

B.1 all, to thee we raise_____

B.2 all, to thee we raise_____

f

55 *mf*

This our joy - ful hymn of praise.

mf

This our joy - ful hymn of praise.

mf

This our joy - ful hymn of praise.

mf

This our joy - ful hymn of praise.

mf

mp
espress.

ped. *

59 B

T.

B. *unis. mp espress.*
3. For the joy of hu - man

63 *unis. p*

3. For the joy of love,

love, Bro - ther, sis - ter, pa - rent,

67

Bro - ther, sis - ter, pa - rent, child, Friends on earth,

child, Friends on earth, and friends a -

71 *p*

and friends a - bove, For all

bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

74

gen - tle thoughts and mild:

For all gen-tle thoughts and mild: Lord of

77 *mf*

Lord of all, to thee we raise

all, to thee we raise

81 *unis. p*

Our joy-ful hymn of praise. —

mp

This our joy-ful hymn — of praise. —

mp *cresc.*

85 **C** ALL VOICES *unis. f*

4. For each per - fect gift of thine —

f

89

T. To our race so free - ly giv - en, —

B. To our race so free - ly giv - en, — Gra - ces

mf

93

mf

Gra - ces hu - man and di - vine,

hu - man and di - vine,

96

unis.

Ah

Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, Flow'rs of earth and

99

cresc. *f*

Ah Lord of all, to

cresc. *f*

buds of heav'n, Lord of all, to

cresc. *f*

102

T.1
thee we raise

T.2
thee we raise

B.1
thee we raise

B.2
thee we raise

105

D ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$)

mf
This our joy - ful hymn of praise,

mf
This our joy - ful hymn of praise,

mf
This our joy - ful hymn of praise,

mf
This our joy - ful hymn of praise,

D ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$)

mf

111 **rall.** (**rallentando al fine**)

p

This our joy - ful hymn - of praise.

p

This our joy - ful hymn - of praise.

p

our hymn of praise.

p

our hymn of praise.

rall. (**rallentando al fine**)

dim. *p* (*p*)

115 **molto rall.**

molto rall.

