

"For the Beauty of the Earth": A Hymn

VERSE:

Unison

“For the beau - ty of the earth,”
 Laugh - ing chil - dren in de - light,
 What per - vades the air in sound -
 In wide yield and broad ter - rain,
 As we strive our lives to fill,
 What can match a sun - set bright,
 Each day we have a new chance,
 If we still can live with grace-

Piano or organ

In hymns did our fore - bears sing, Shar - ing bless - ings
 War - bling spar - rows out of reach, Rus - tling trees and
 and in fu - ry - are forc - es That dis - turb now
 The earth has laid bare its all, Not here just for
 Dumb yet to earth's gen - tle care, We take aim at
 On a sand - y crag or beach, With rich hues and
 Choos - ing what to fol - low now, How our plan - et
 As our fore - bears lived their days, We can leave bold

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known from birth, Mak - ing heav - ens glad - ly ring.
breez - es slight - Wel - come gifts, in all and each.
and con - found God's good earth and re - sour - ces.
hu - man gain, Oft be - set by greed and gall.
thriv - ing still, Look - ing past earth's beau - ty rare.
depth of sight, Well past fee - ble hu - man reach?
to en - hance, With good deeds the earth en - dow.
paths to trace, Of - fer - ing true hymns of praise.

REFRAIN:

Love of all and earth we raise, Let us live in grate - ful praise.