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**For the Beauty
of the Earth**



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for Rosemary Heffley and the Texas Choral Directors' Association

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

for Mixed Voices, S.A.T.B., with Keyboard*

Words by
F. S. PIERPOINT (1835-1917)

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Happily ($\text{♩} = 66$)

Piano
mp legato, delicato

Sopranos
mp legato

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, _____

For the beau-ty of the skies, _____ For the

* This setting is scored for small orchestra (2 fl, ob, 2 cl, bsn, 2 hn, perc, drums, hp, strings).
Also available for SA (HMC-469)

love _____ which from our birth _____ O-ver and a-

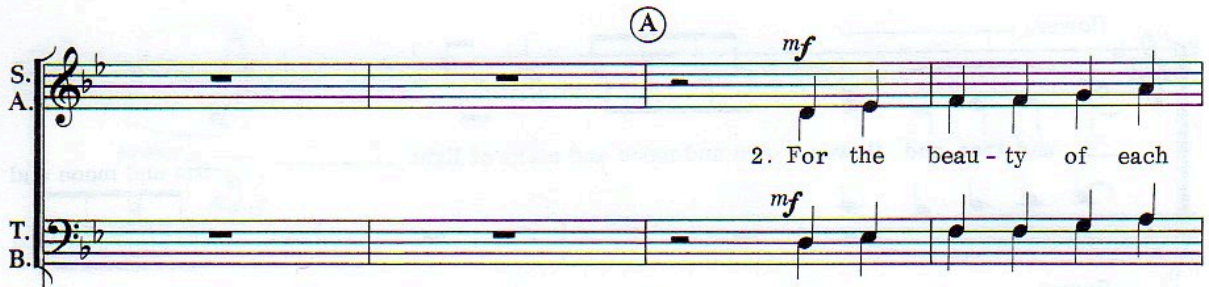
-round us lies, _____ o-ver and a - round us lies: _____ Lord of

mf
all, to thee we raise _____

mp
This our joy - ful hymn _____ of praise. _____

S. A. *mf* 2. For the beau - ty of each

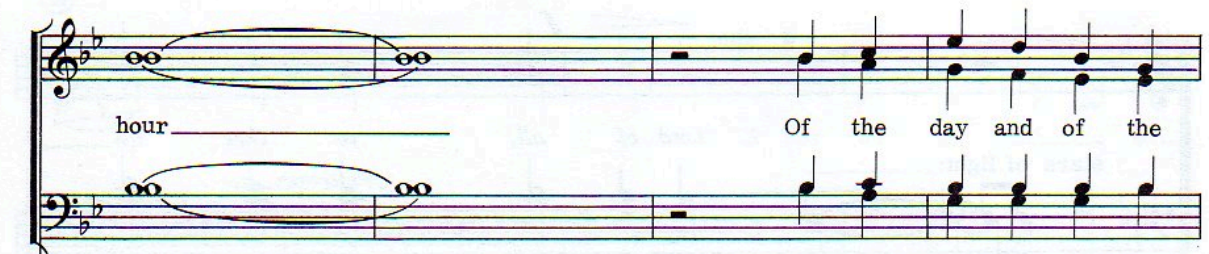
T. B. *mf*



mf

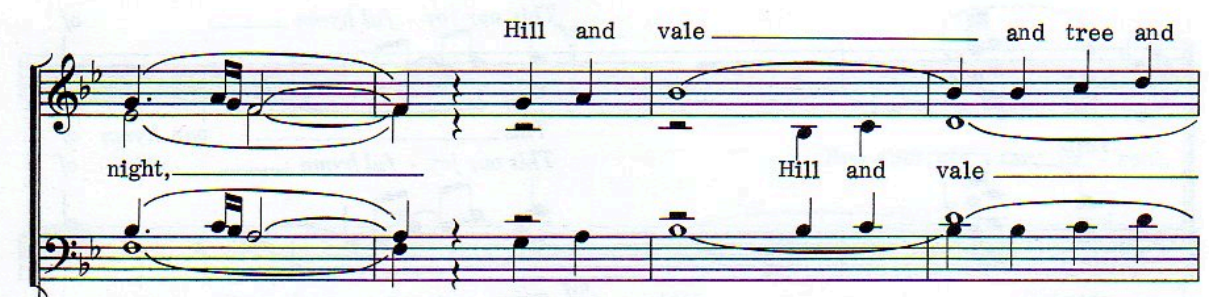


hour _____ Of the day and of the



Hill and vale _____ and tree and

night, Hill and vale _____



Hill and vale _____ and tree and



flower, _____
 _____ and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light: _____ Sun and moon and
 flower, _____

stars of light: _____ Lord of all, to thee we _____

cresc. *f*

raise _____ *mf* This our joy - ful hymn _____ of
 This _____ our hymn of
 This our joy - ful hymn _____ of
mf This _____ our hymn of

mf

praise.

mp espressivo

Ped. * Ped. *

(B)

unis. *p*

3. For the joy of hu - man love,

unis. *mp espressivo*

(B)

p dolce

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

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

child, Friends on earth, _____ and friends a-bove, _____
earth, _____ and friends a - bove, _____ For all gen-tle

(p)
For all gen - tle thoughts and mild: _____
thoughts and mild, _____ For all gen-tle thoughts and mild: _____ Lord of

mf
_____ Lord of all, _____ to thee we raise _____
mf
all, to thee we raise _____

mf

p
Our joy-ful hymn of praise. ———

mp
This our joy - ful hymn ——— of praise. ———

mp
cresc.

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f unis.

4. For each per-fect gift of thine ———

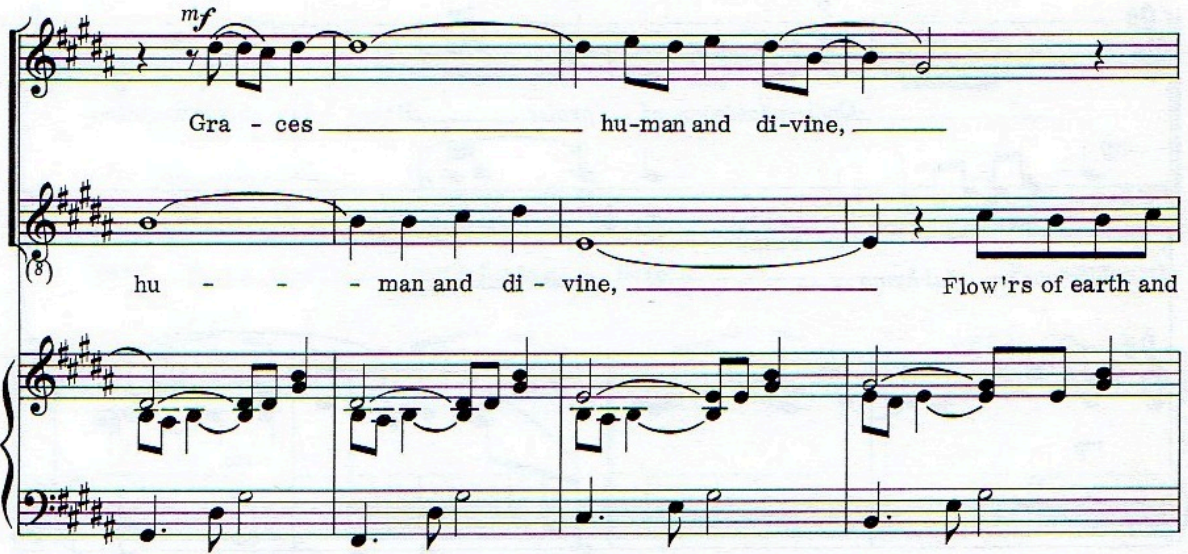
f

Sopranos
To our race so free - ly gi - ven, ———

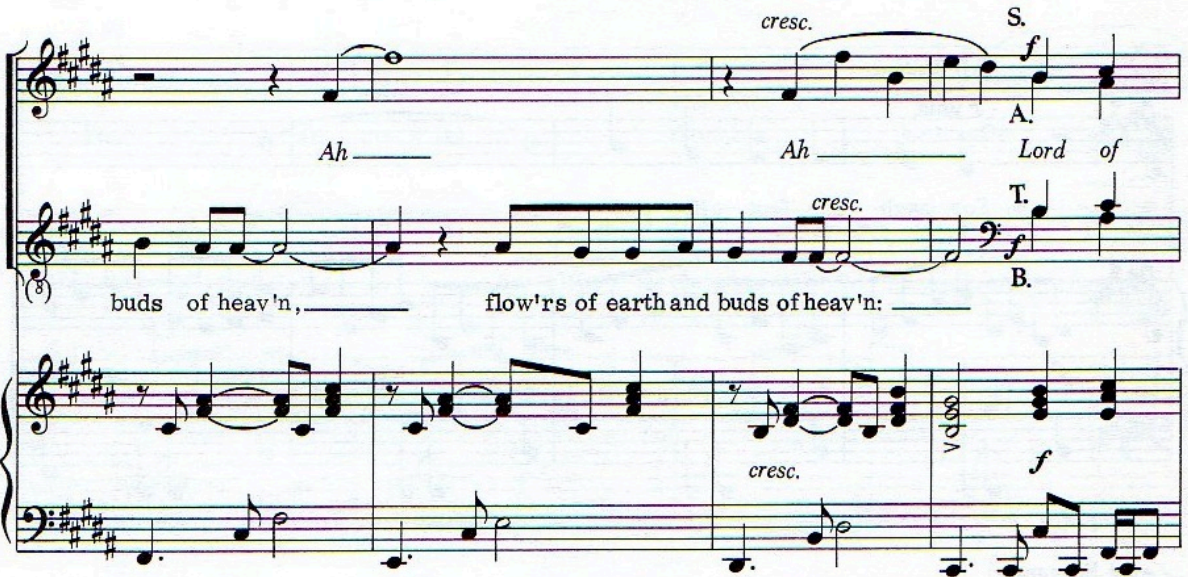
Altos, Tenors, Basses
To our race so free - ly gi - ven, ——— *mf* Gra-ces

mf

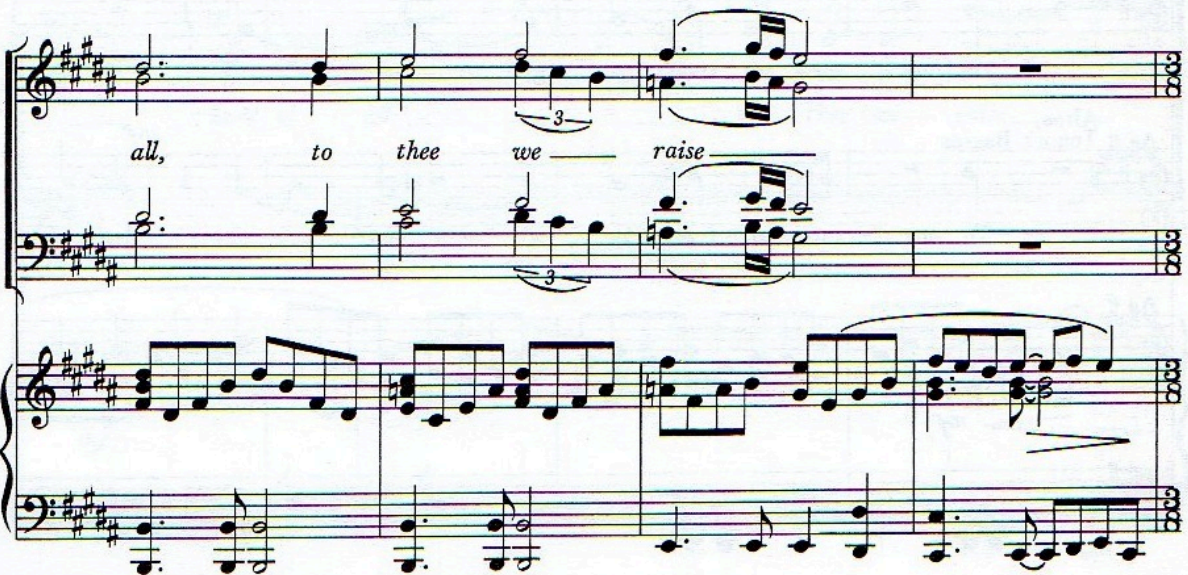
mf
Gra - ces hu - man and di - vine,
hu - - - man and di - vine, Flow'rs of earth and



cresc. *f* S.
Ah Lord of
cresc. T.
buds of heav'n, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: B.



all, to thee we raise



(D) *mf* This our joy - ful hymn _____ of

This our joy - ful hymn of

mf This _____ our joy - ful hymn of

rall. *p* This our joy - ful hymn _____ of

praise, our hymn of

praise, *p*

dim. *p*

praise.

praise.

(p) *molto rall.*

... The Composer



JOHN RUTTER was born in London in 1945 and educated at Clare College, Cambridge where he first attracted attention as a composer, arranger, and conductor with a number of Christmas carol recordings for EMI. He subsequently did post-graduate work and continued to compose. His compositions range from choral works to large orchestral works, opera, pop and light music, and music for BBC television. Plans for 1980 and beyond include more choral writing, music for television and a full-scale stage musical. We are pleased to help in making this noted British composer's work better known in the United States.

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