

For the Beauty of the Earth

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...let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. Hebrews 13:15

F C7 F C7 F Bb F C7 F
For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
C7 F Bb F Bb F C7 F
For the Love which from our birth, Over and around us lies:
C7 F Bb F C7 F
****Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, This our Sacrifice of Praise.**

F C7 F C7 F Bb F C7 F
For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
C7 F Bb F Bb F C7 F
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:
C7 F Bb F C7 F
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, This our Sacrifice of Praise.

F C7 F C7 F Bb F C7 F
For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and brain's delight,
C7 F Bb F Bb F C7 F
For the mystic harmony, Linking sense to sound and sight:
C7 F Bb F C7 F
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, This our Sacrifice of Praise.

F C7 F C7 F Bb F C7 F
For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
C7 F Bb F Bb F C7 F
Friends on earth, and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild:
C7 F Bb F C7 F
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, This our Sacrifice of Praise.

For each perfect Gift of Thine, To our race so freely given,
Graces human and Divine, Flowers of earth, and buds of Heaven:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, This our Sacrifice of Praise.

For Thy Bride that evermore, Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore, This Pure Sacrifice of Love:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, This our Sacrifice of Praise.

For Thy Martyrs' crown of light, For Thy Prophets' eagle eye,
For Thy bold Confessors' might, For the lips of Infancy:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, This our Sacrifice of Praise.

For Thy Virgins' robes of snow, For Thy Maiden Mother mild,
For Thyself, with hearts aglow, Jesu, Victim undefiled,
Offer we at Thine own Shrine, Thyself, sweet Sacrament Divine.

****Some Christian denominations change the phrase "Christ, our God, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise" to "Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise". (Verses via Wikipedia)**