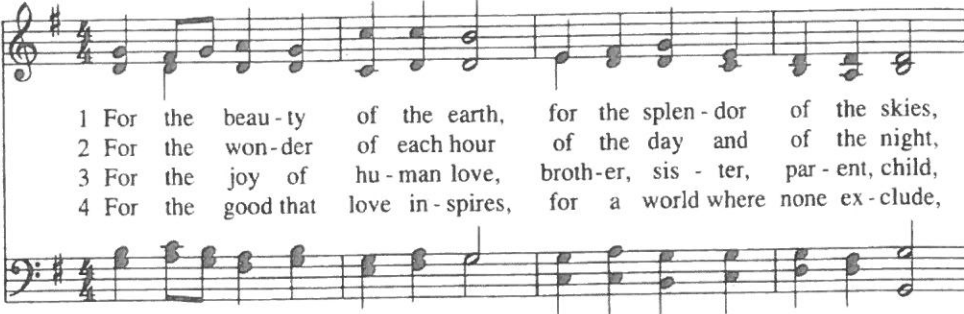


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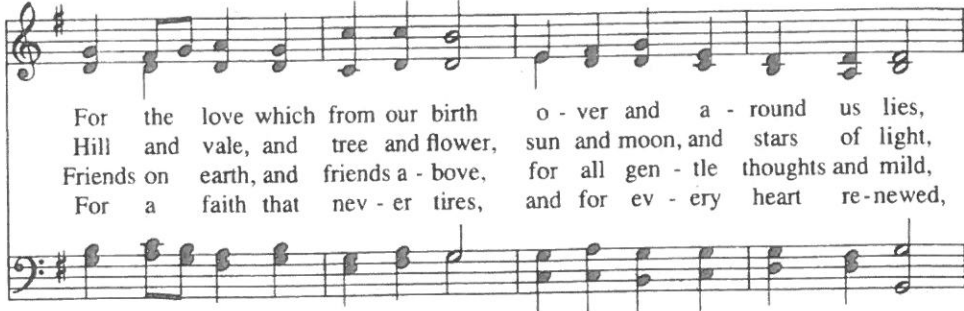
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## For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.  
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

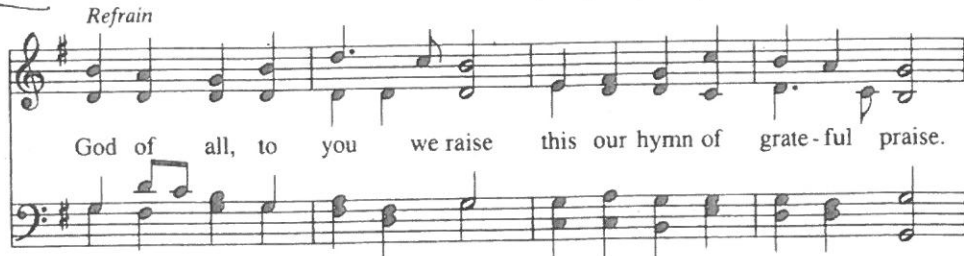


1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

*Folliot S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.*


Tune: DIX 7.7.7. with refrain  
Conrad Kocher, 1838  
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

## O How Glorious, Full of Wonder


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Curtis Beach, 1958, rev. 1980; alt.


Ps. 8




1 O how glo-ri-ous, full of won-der is your name o'er all the earth,  
 2 When we see your lights of heav-en, moon and stars, your power dis-played,  
 3 You have set us in com-mu-nion with the won-ders of your hand,  
 4 O how won-drous, O how glo-ri-ous is your name in ev-ery land,



God, who wrought cre-a-tion's splen-dor, bring-ing suns and stars to birth!  
 Who are we that you should love us, crea-tures that your hand has made?  
 Made us fly with ea-gle pin-ion, pil-grims o-ver sea and land.  
 God, whose pur-pose shines be-fore us toward the goal that you have planned!



Rapt in rev-erence we a-dore you, mar-veling at your mys-tic ways.  
 Born of earth, yet full of yearn-ing, mix-ture strange of good and ill,  
 Soar-ing spire and ru-ined cit-y, these our hopes and fail-ures show.  
 Yours the will our hearts are seek-ing, con-scious of our hu-man need.



Hum-bly now we bow be-fore you, lift-ing up our hearts in praise.  
 From your ways so of-ten turn-ing, yet your love does seek us still.  
 Teach us more of hu-man pit-y, that we in your im-age grow.  
 Spir-it in our spir-it speak-ing, make us yours, O God, in-deed.

United Church of Christ minister Curtis Beach submitted this hymn to the editorial committee of the Pilgrim Hymnal (1958). It was one of two psalm paraphrases by Beach to be accepted. The hymn was also included in The Hymnal of the United Church of Christ (1974).

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Traditional Dutch melody  
 Arr. Julius Rönigen, c. 1906  
 Alternate tune: HYMN TO JOY