

First was God's Word

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♩ = 92

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system (measures 1-4) has chords: F#, Bm, E/G#, F#/A#, F#, G, D, A, F#/A#. The second system (measures 5-8) has chords: Bm, A, D, E7/B, A/C#, E(sus4), E, A, B7/F#. The third system (measures 9-12) has chords: Em, D, G, A, D, E, F#, Bm, E, Bm. The lyrics are: 'First was God's Word, in that was light: there-in God dwells out of our sight. And through that Word all things were made His "Let there be" foun - da - tions laid. Time and space all the world round came to be sound and re-sound, when the Word sang.'

1. First was God's Word,
in that was light:
therein God dwells out of our sight.
And through that Word
all things were made
His "Let there be" foundations laid.
Time and space all the world
came to be sound and resound,
when the Word sang.

2. Almighty God,
Lord of all time,
You made a world rich and sublime,
carefully formed all land and sea
and with Your breath made us to be;
with each life You are engaged
give Yourself from age to age
down to us now.

3. You made the sun,
you gave it fire,
You made the night time to retire;
planet and star, heaven above,
shine to reflect undying love.
Angels chant harmonies new,
all earth sings wordless but true
how great is God!

4. And in this true image of You
our eyes were formed,
our knowledge grew,
stewards we are of all Your earth
called to renew from death to birth.
As we pray, "Lest we succumb",
may we make Your kingdom come
here in this world.

5. You are the Word,
You were made flesh,
gave us new hope to start afresh;
kernel and core, eagle and dove,
all things reflect Your gift of love.
May Your law that we must give
beat in us, so we may live
as You would have.

6. For though we know
we should rise higher,
we are consumed by our desire;
hear how our earth, ravaged, consumed,
calls for our care, or we are doomed.
May we free Earth from its pain;
give us hope that once again
Your will be done.

7. In hope and faith
we shall not cease
striving to make a world at peace,
for all that lives, from pole to pole,
from east to west, from soul to soul.
Lord, our God, whose mighty Word
then and now and shall be heard,
renew our Earth!