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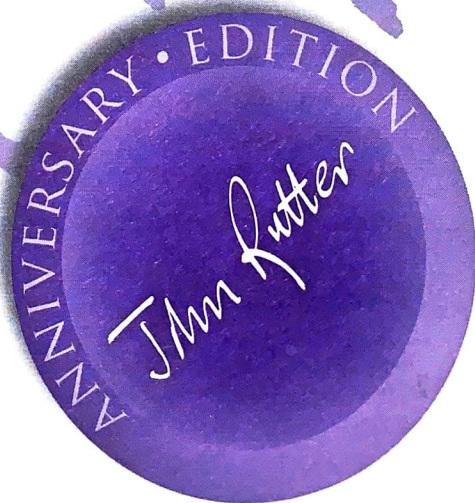
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JOHN RUTTER  
FOR THE BEAUTY OF  
THE EARTH

*John Rutter*



for Rosemary Heffley and the Texas Choral Directors Association

# For the beauty of the earth

F. S. Pierpoint (1835–1917)

JOHN RUTTER

Happily  $\text{♩} = 66$

PIANO  
or  
ORGAN

*mp delicato*

5

9

SOPRANOS  
*mp legato*

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, \_\_\_\_\_

13

For the beau - ty of the skies, \_\_\_\_\_

16

For the love \_\_\_\_\_ which from our birth

20 *poco staccato*

O - ver and a - round us lies, \_\_\_\_\_ o - ver and a -

23 *legato* *mf*

-round us lies: \_\_\_\_\_ Lord of all, to thee we

27 *mp poco marcato*

raise \_\_\_\_\_ This our joy - ful hymn \_\_\_\_\_ of

31

praise. \_\_\_\_\_

35 **A** SOPRANO *mf*

ALTO

2. For the beau - ty of each hour \_\_\_\_\_

TENOR

BASS *mf*

**A** *mf*

39 Hill and

Of the day and of the night, \_\_\_\_\_

Hill and

43

S. *leggiero*  
vale \_\_\_\_\_ and tree and flower, \_\_\_\_\_ Sun and moon and

A. *leggiero*  
Hill and vale \_\_\_\_\_ and tree and flower, Sun and moon and

T. *leggiero*  
Hill and vale \_\_\_\_\_ and tree and flower,

B. *leggiero*  
vale \_\_\_\_\_ and tree and flower, \_\_\_\_\_

47

*legato*  
stars of light: \_\_\_\_\_ Lord of

*legato*  
stars of light: \_\_\_\_\_ Lord of

*leggiero* *legato*  
Sun and moon and stars of light: \_\_\_\_\_ Lord of

*leggiero* *legato*  
Sun and moon and stars of light: \_\_\_\_\_ Lord of

*cresc.*  
3

51 *f*

all, to thee we raise

*f*

all, to thee we raise

*f*

all, to thee we raise

*f*

all, to thee we raise

*f*

55 *mf*

This our joy - ful hymn of praise.

*mf*

This our hymn of praise.

*mf*

This our joy - ful hymn of praise.

*mf*

This our hymn of praise.

*mf*

This our joy - ful hymn of praise.

*mp*  
*espress.*

*f*

*Ped.*

59

**B**

(S. and A.)  
*unis. p*

3. For the

(T. and B.)  
*unis. mp espress.*

3. For the joy of hu - man love,

**B**

*p dolce*

*Ped.*

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64

joy — of — love,

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

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

69

child, Friends — on earth, — and friends a - bove, —

earth, — and friends a - bove, — For all gen - tle

73 (p)

For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:\_\_\_\_\_

thoughts and mild,\_\_\_\_\_ For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:\_\_\_\_\_ Lord of

77 mf

Lord of all,\_\_\_\_\_ to thee we raise\_\_\_\_\_

all, to thee we raise\_\_\_\_\_

81 unis. p

Our joy - ful hymn of praise.\_\_\_\_\_

This our joy - ful hymn\_\_\_\_\_ of praise.\_\_\_\_\_

cresc.



85 **C** ALL VOICES  
*unis. f*

4. For each per - fect gift of thine\_\_\_\_\_

89 **SOPRANOS**

To our race so free - ly giv - en,\_\_\_\_\_

**ALTOS, TENORS,  
BASSES**

To our race so free - ly giv - en,\_\_\_\_\_ *mf* Gra - ces

93 *mf*

Gra - ces\_\_\_\_\_ hu-man and di-vine,\_\_\_\_\_

hu - - - man and di - vine,\_\_\_\_\_ Flow'rs of earth and

97

S. *Ah* *Ah* *s. f* Lord of  
 buds of heav'n, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: *f*  
*cresc.* *f*

101

S. all, to thee we raise  
 A. all, to thee we raise  
 T. all, to thee we raise  
 B. all, to thee we raise  
*f*

**D** (♩ = ♩)

105

*mf*  
This our joy - ful hymn of praise,

*mf*  
This our joy - ful hymn of praise,

*mf*  
This our joy - ful hymn of praise,

*mf*  
This our joy - ful hymn of praise,

**D** (♩ = ♩)

*mf*

111

**rall.**

**(rallentando al fine)**

*p legato*

This our joy - ful hymn of praise.

*p* our hymn of praise.

*p* our hymn of praise.

*p* our hymn of praise.

*p* our hymn of praise.

**rall.**

**(rallentando al fine)**

*dim.*

*p*

*(p)*

115

**molto rall.**

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