

The Hymnal 1982 - #416 For the beauty of the earth

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

*Refrain*

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine  
to the world so freely given,  
faith and hope and love divine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

*Refrain*

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for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
*Christ our God, to thee we raise*

*this our hymn of grateful praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,

*Refrain*

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,

*Refrain*

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*

5 For the Church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
thy pure sacrifice of love,

*Refrain*

6 For each perfect gift of thine  
to the world so freely given,  
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