

(Dedicated to Martha Ann)

## WE PRAISE YOU FOR THE SUN

(Unison with Orff instruments optional)

Text: Alice Muriel Pullen

Music: Allan Mahnke

**Brightly** (♩. = 112)

Organ  
or  
Piano

Voices

We praise you for the sun, — the gold - en shin - ing

*(echo)*

sun, — that gives us heal - ing strength and joy; that gives us heal - ing

strength and joy; we praise you for the sun. —

*On stanzas one and three, untuned Orff percussion instruments (e.g. finger cymbals, tambourines, etc.) may be used to improvise additional accompaniment, and a melody instrument (e.g. flute, recorder, violin, etc.) may double the tune.*

*p*

We praise you for the rain, \_\_\_\_\_ the

*p* *sustained*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in G major with a key signature of one flat (F major). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics "We praise you for the rain, \_\_\_\_\_ the" are written below. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment. The right hand has a sustained whole note chord of G4-B4-D5. The left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment: G3-A3-B3-C4-D4-E4-F4-G4.

*(echo)*

soft - ly fall - ing rain, \_\_\_\_\_ that gives us heal - ing strength and joy; that

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth staves. The top staff continues the vocal line with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics "soft - ly fall - ing rain, \_\_\_\_\_ that gives us heal - ing strength and joy; that" are written below. The bottom staff continues the piano accompaniment with the same chords and eighth-note pattern as the first system.

*f*

gives us heal - ing strength and joy; we praise you for the rain. \_\_\_\_\_

*sharp staccato* *sustained*

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth staves. The top staff continues the vocal line with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics "gives us heal - ing strength and joy; we praise you for the rain. \_\_\_\_\_" are written below. The bottom staff continues the piano accompaniment. The right hand has a sustained whole note chord of G4-B4-D5. The left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment: G3-A3-B3-C4-D4-E4-F4-G4.

*f*

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth staves. The top staff is a vocal line with a whole rest. The bottom staff continues the piano accompaniment. The right hand has a sustained whole note chord of G4-B4-D5. The left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment: G3-A3-B3-C4-D4-E4-F4-G4.