Dear Choristers,

Do you ever make lists, like: What I must do today...

What I must *study* for the test... What I *want* for Christmas...

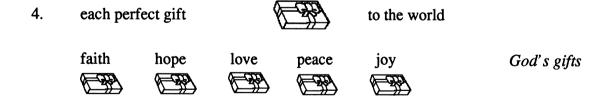
I wonder if you have ever made a list of all the things you are grateful (thankful) for - and then found a tune so you could *sing* your list? That's exactly what Mr. Pierpoint did when he wrote his poem. He must have been in a happy, thankful mood that day!

What I am grateful for:

3. joy love ◆

brother sister parent child family

friends on earth friends above gentle thoughts kindness



Why don't you think up a "thankful" list of your own? Then you can sing the refrain to your very own list:





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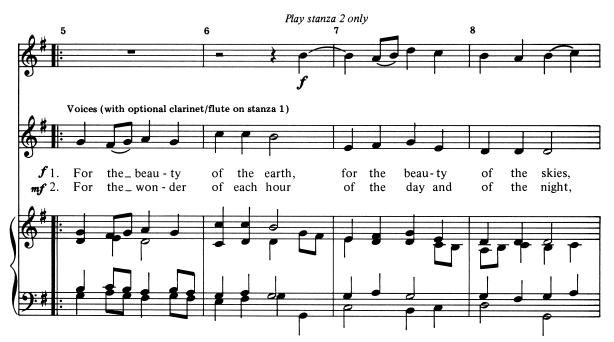


For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

Dix Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872 arr. John Ferguson





Performance Suggestion: The piece could be enhanced by the addition of a clarinet or a second flute playing the melody on stanzas one and four (flute one octave higher if desired). The congregation may join on the last stanza; keep the organ registration light enough so that the flute descant still sounds clearly above choir, congregation and organ. The text of stanza four may be duplicated for congregational use if desired.

The book, Of Primary Importance, Volume II, by Helen Kemp (CGBK-54), includes teaching suggestions for this octavo and ten others in the series. Also available: cassette recording of the octavos (CGCT-18).

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