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Dedicated to Nelva R. Ewing

Make Your Life a Song to God

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Joyfully (♩ = 69)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in 2/2 time, marked *mf*. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal melody enters at measure 5, also marked *mf*. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Make your life a song to God;— sing loud and strong and clear.____
 2. Make your life a song to God,— a sweet, well-craft-ed tune.____

At measure 9, the piano part includes a section marked "+ rhythm". The vocal melody continues with the lyrics:

Make your life a song to God— for ev-'ry-one to hear.____
 Make your life a song to God,— and do it ver-y soon.____

Optional rhythm pattern:

The optional rhythm pattern is shown for two instruments: Tambourine or handclaps and Drum. The pattern is in 4/4 time and consists of the following beats:

- Beat 1: Tambourine (quarter note), Drum (quarter note)
- Beat 2: Tambourine (quarter note), Drum (quarter note)
- Beat 3: Tambourine (quarter note), Drum (quarter note)
- Beat 4: Tambourine (quarter note), Drum (quarter note)

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1.

Je-sus will put the mel-o-dy in - to your heart.

Je-sus will put the mel-o-dy in - to your

17

2.

heart.

21

mp

Lis - ten to the stead - y beat when rhy - thms change a - round you

24

f

(and new sounds con - found you). Lis - ten to the con - stant beat; God's

27 *mf*

love sur - rounds you. — In your highs and your lows, let the

mf *simile*

- rhythm

31

Word of the Lord be your ac - com - p'ni - ment; it will make your

34

mu - sic strong, so you can sing your whole life

37 *mf*

long. — Make your life a song to God — and

mf

+ rhythm