

FOR THE BEAUTY
OF THE EARTH
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1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies; (REFRAIN)

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*Lord of all, 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 thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love; (REFRAIN)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (REFRAIN)