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;

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;

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;

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

5. For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;

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:

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Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.