Order of Worship for Sunday, November 29, 2026
The First Sunday of Advent | Guatemala Sunday

Welcome/Announcements — Pastor Tom

* Opening Hymn — "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" — UMH #196

Lighting of the Advent Candle — Kirstin Barnhart & Will Herms

Opening Prayer — Pastor Tom

Children's Message — Pastor Gary & Chugi

Hymn of Praise — "Awesome God" — FWS #2040

The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts
Offering Music — Rev. Andrew Davis
* Doxology — UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer — Pastor Tom

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation — "Lord, Listen to Your Children" — FWS #2207

Scripture Reading — Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 — Carissa Stenzel

Guatemala Video

Message — The Song of Advent: Restore Us, O God — Pastor Tom

* Closing Hymn — "Shepherd Me, O God" — FWS #2058

* Benediction — Pastor Tom

QUESTION OF THE WEEK – November 29, 2026

As we begin Advent, where in your life or family are you praying Psalm 80's plea for renewal: "Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved"?

First Sunday of Advent – Candle Lighting Liturgy - 11/29/2026
Readers: Will Herms and Kirstin Barnhart

Reader One: The prophet Isaiah declares, “From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him” (Isaiah 64:4 NRSV). Today, we continue to wait and call out in hope for God’s restoration to meet us here, believing that God knows our struggles and works even now for the fulfillment of our salvation.

Congregation: When God feels far away, and our lament feels too heavy to bear, we remember God’s steadfast love. May this love empower us to wait and watch in hope for the day when God’s kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

Reader Two: We light this candle of hope as a sign of God’s promises, that we might persevere in hope, a hope grounded not in wishes and whims but in the trustworthy and persistent love of God already at work among us to save and restore all creation.

(Light the first Blue Candle)

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 - Carissa Stenzel

Shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned on the cherubim, shine out!
Shine out before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh!
Awaken your power and come to save us!

Oh God, return to us – let your face smile on us, and we will be saved!

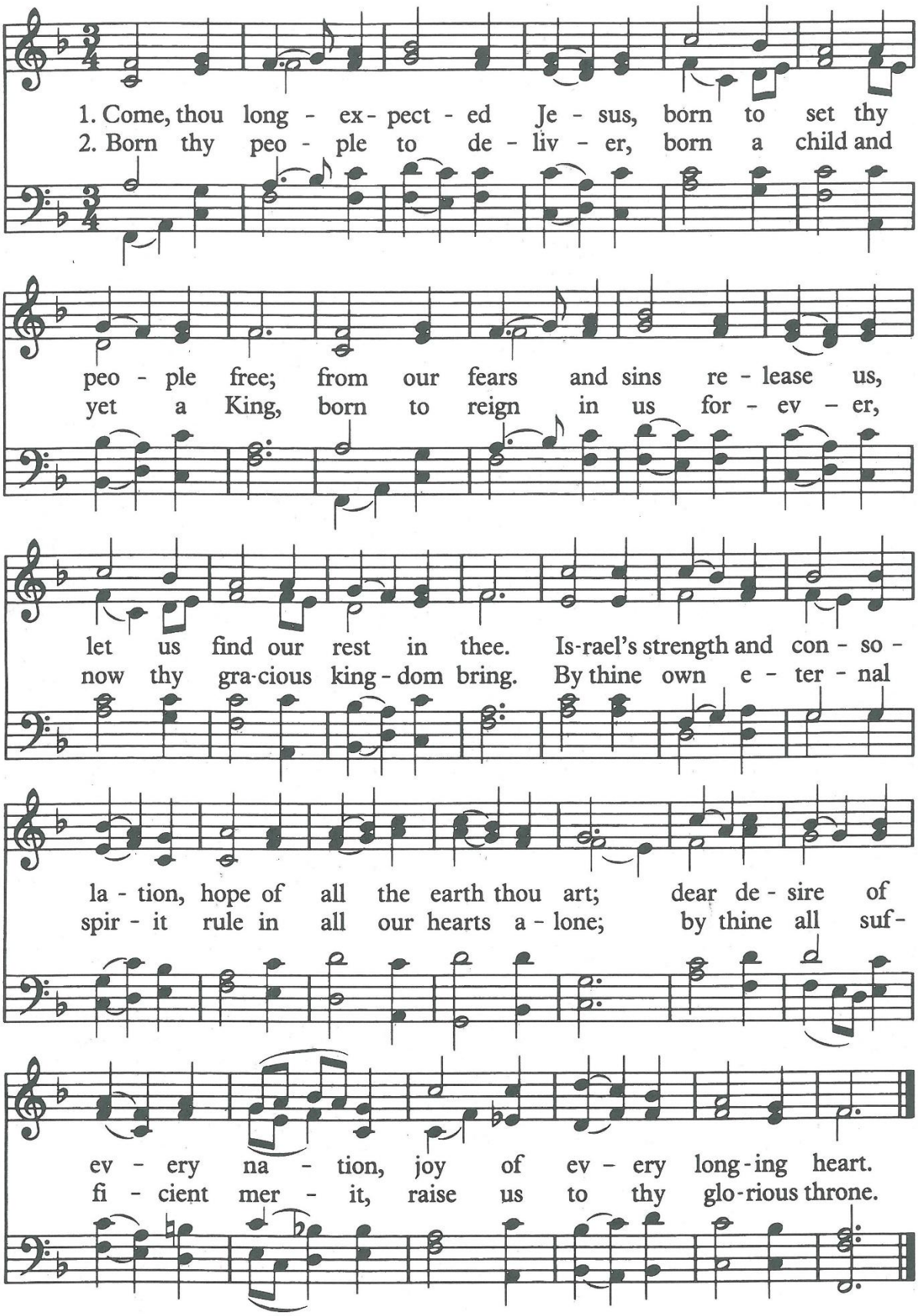
Yahweh, God of Hosts, how much longer will you fume while your people pray? You fed us on the bread of tears, and made us drink our tears in such measure; you now let our neighbors ridicule us and our enemies treat us with scorn.

Oh God of Hosts, return to us – let your face smile on us,
and we will be saved!

Let your hand rest upon the One at your right side, the Chosen One you raised up for yourself. Then we'll never turn from you again; our life renewed, we will invoke your Name.

Yahweh, God of Hosts, return to us – let your face smile on us,
and we will be saved!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196



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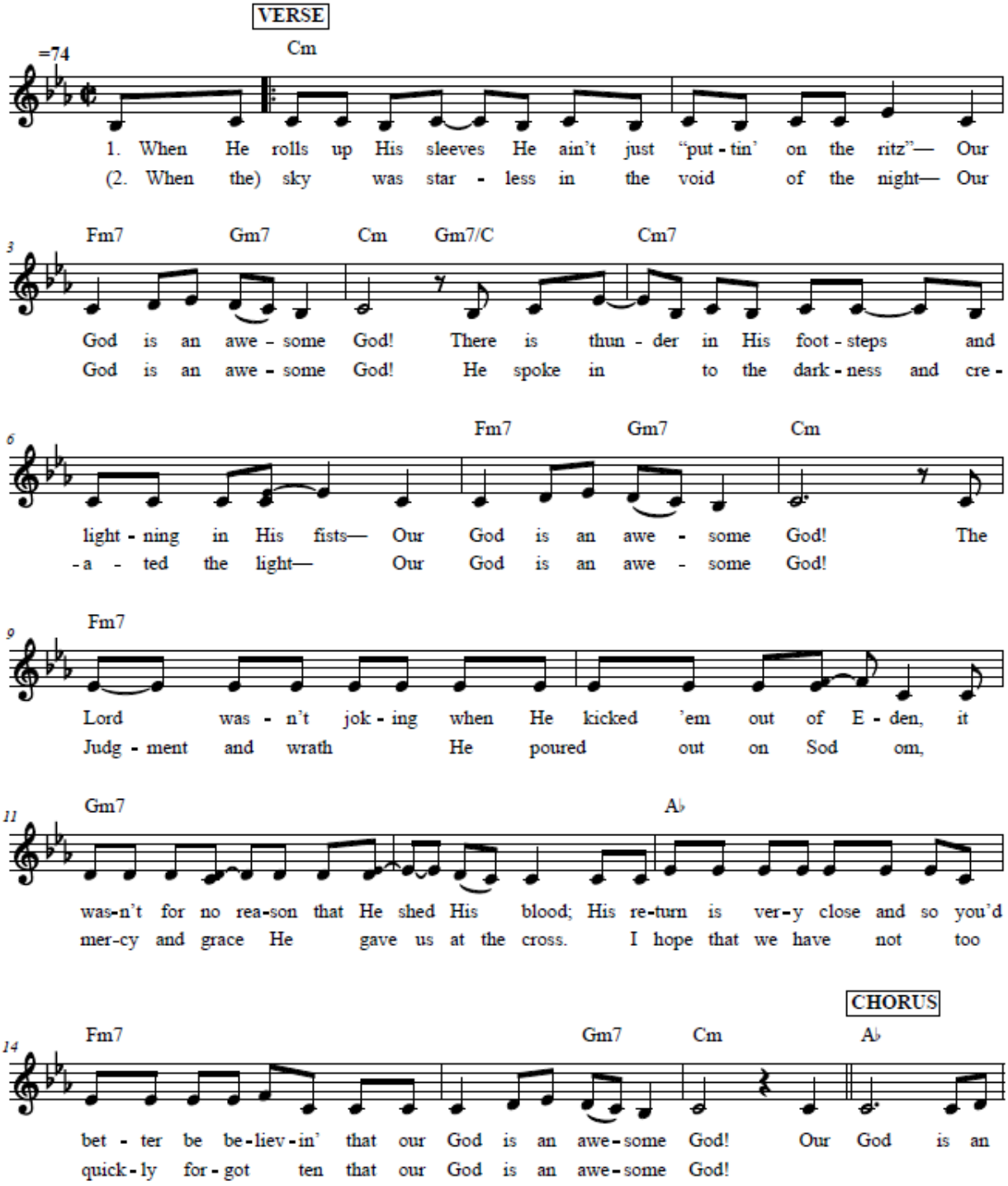
Awesome God

Words and Music by
Rich Mullins



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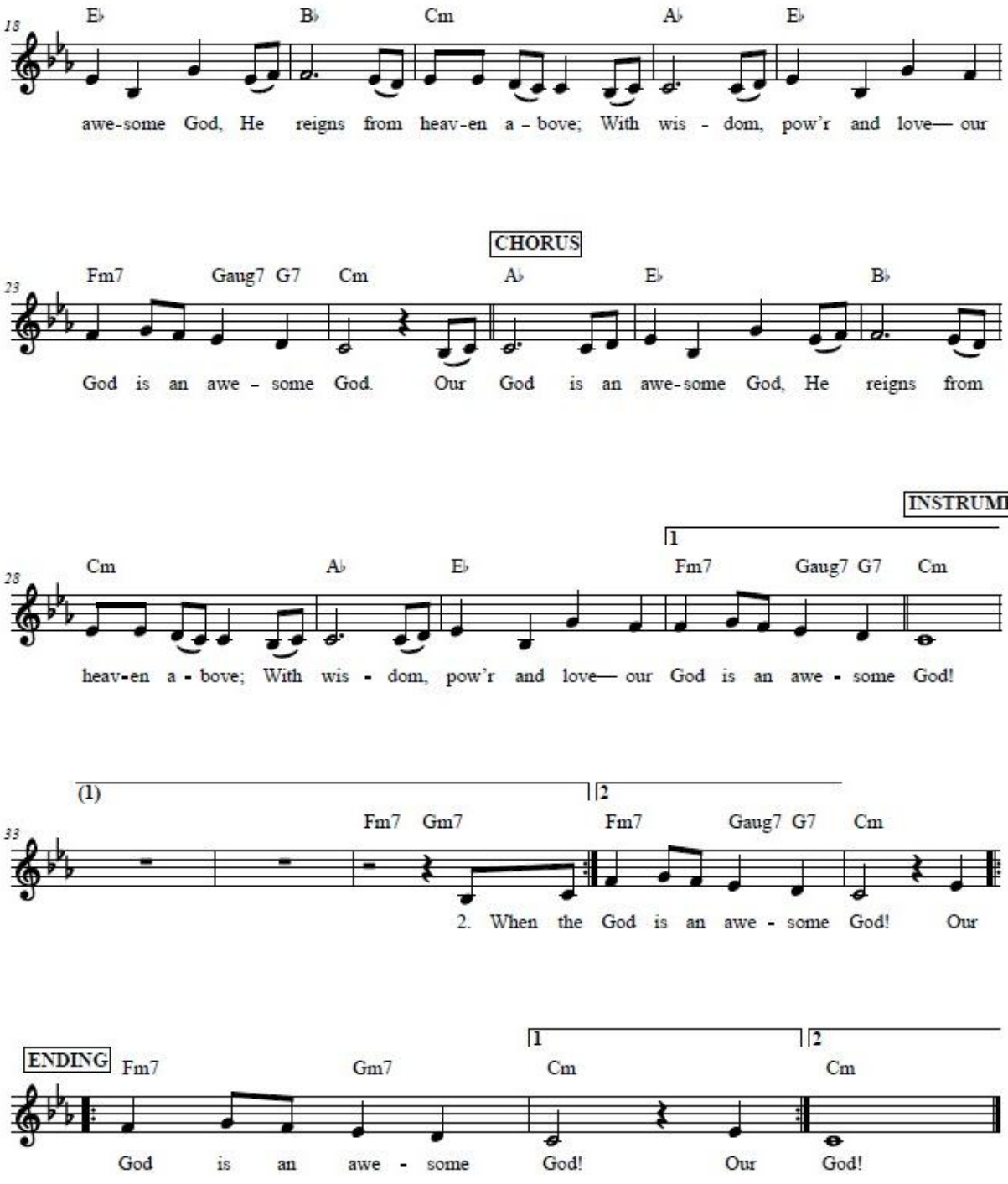
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E♭ B♭ Cm A♭ E♭
awe-some God, He reigns from heav-en a - bove; With wis - dom, pow'r and love— our
CHORUS
23
Fm7 Gaug7 G7 Cm A♭ E♭ B♭
God is an awe - some God. Our God is an awe-some God, He reigns from
INSTRUMENTA
28
1
Cm A♭ E♭ Fm7 Gaug7 G7 Cm
heav-en a - bove; With wis - dom, pow'r and love— our God is an awe - some God!
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33
Fm7 Gm7 Fm7 Gaug7 G7 Cm
2. When the God is an awe - some God! Our
ENDING
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Fm7 Gm7 Cm Cm
God is an awe - some God! Our God!

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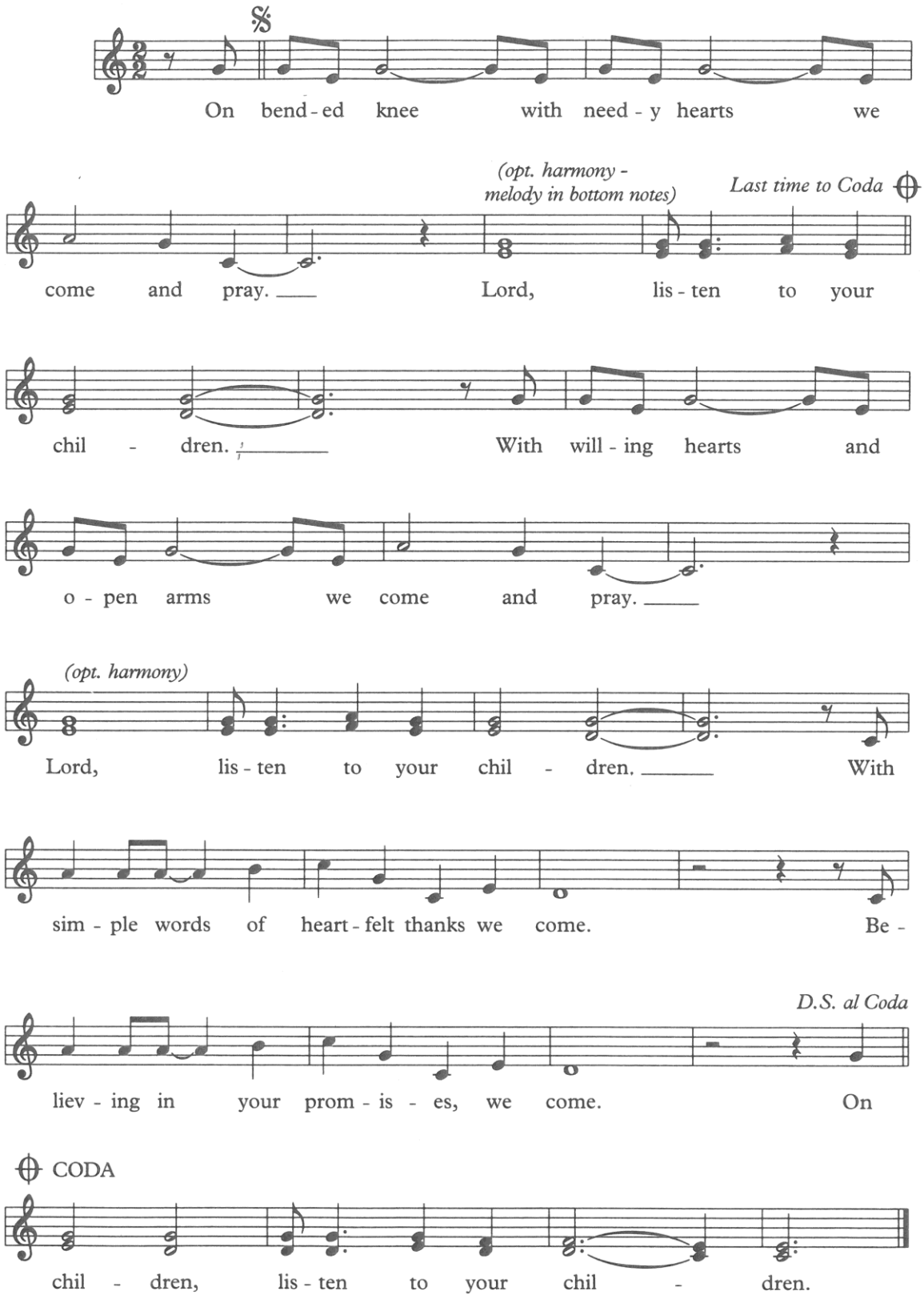

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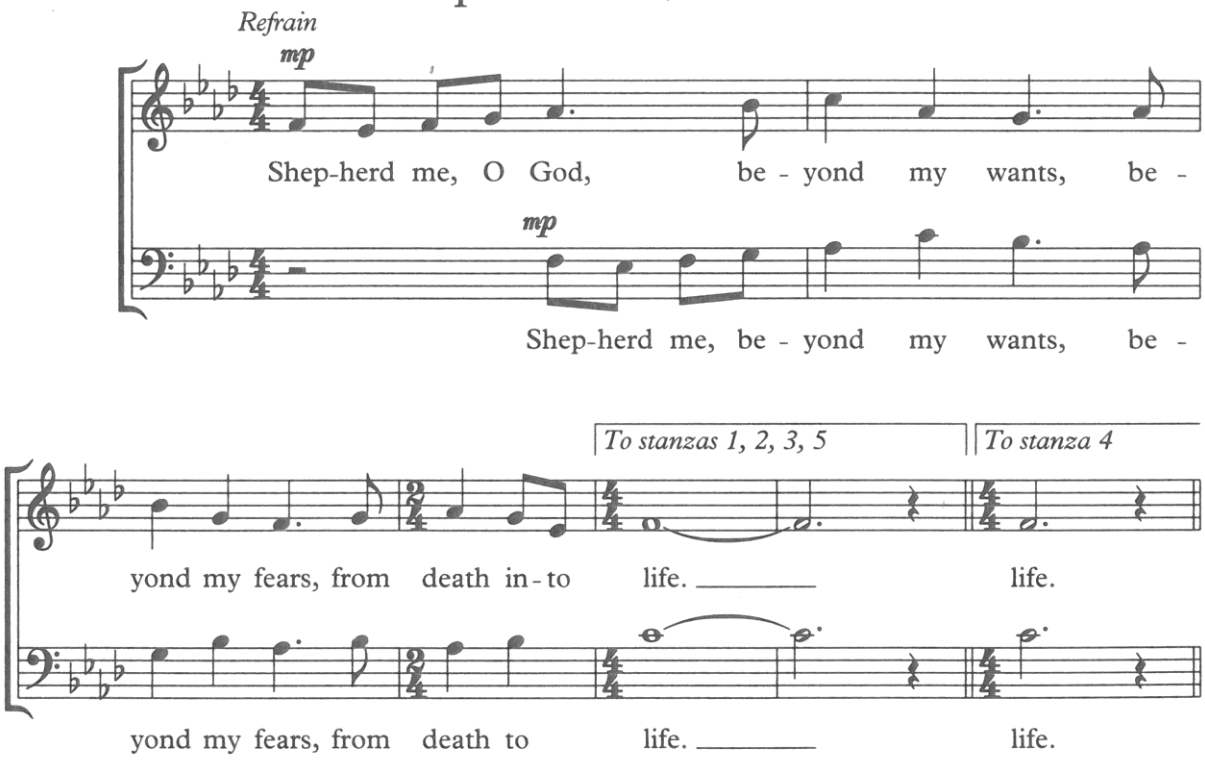

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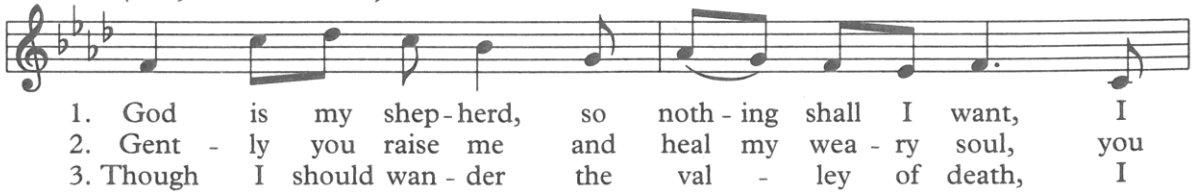
(Solo, or choir in unison)



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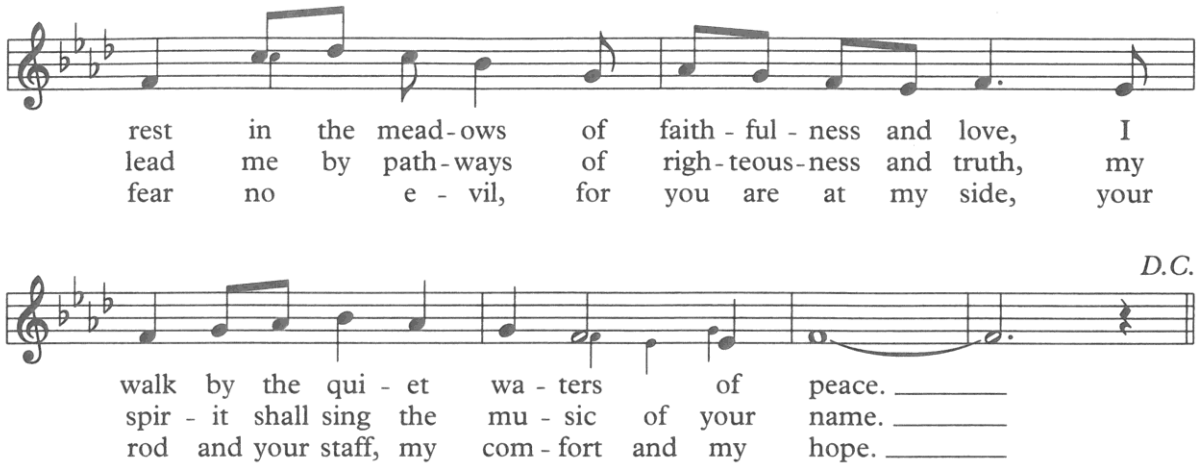

Stanza 4

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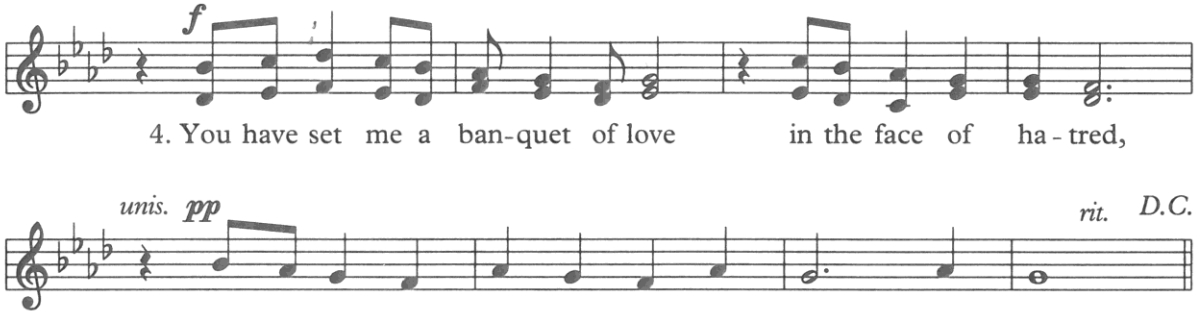

Stanza 5

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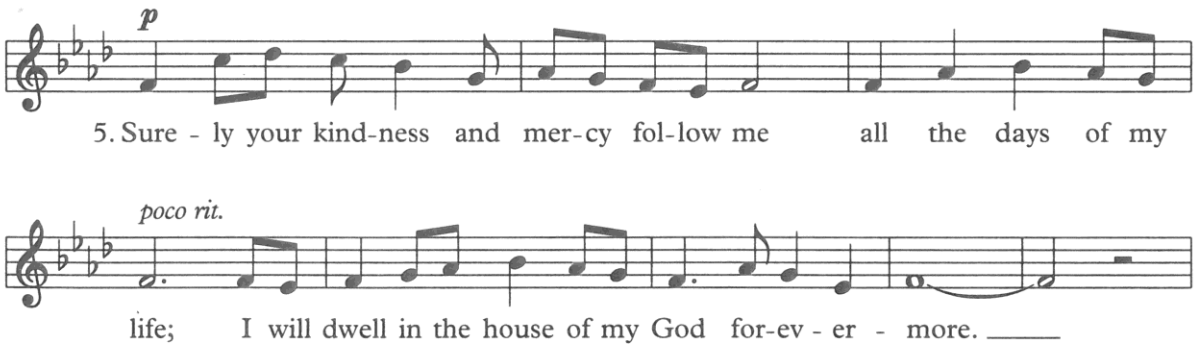

Final Refrain

(all voices)

