

207 • For The Beauty Of The Earth

Tune: DIX (77 77 77) Text: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (†1864)

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,

Refrain:

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

2. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain:

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

3. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Refrain:

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

4. For thy_ Bride that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

of - fring up on eve - ry shore this pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Refrain:

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

5. For the mar - tyrs' crown of light, for thy proph - ets' ea - gle eye,

for thy bold con - fes - sors' might, for the lips of in - fan - cy,

Refrain:

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

6. For thy vir - gins' robes of snow, for thy maid - en Moth - er mild,

for thy - self, with hearts a - glow, Je - sus, Vic - tim un - de - filed,

Refrain:

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.