

## 124 Simplified Organ Accompaniment for Novices

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The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff is soprano, the second is alto, the third is tenor, and the bottom is bass. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The score is divided into four sections, each starting with a new staff.

**1. Hail, thou star above the sea,** Vir - gin like none oth - er, Door to  
high fe - lic - i - ty, God's own gra - cious Moth - er. *Al - le - lu - ia.*

**2. With that "A - ve," which to thee Ga - bri - el has spo - ken, E - va's**  
name re - verse, that we Peace en - joy\_ un - bro - ken. *Al - le - lu - ia.*

**3. Blind are we: let us see day; Guilt - y we: un - bind us;** Drive all  
e - vil things a - way; Gain the good as signed us. *Al - le - lu - ia.*

**4. Prove thy - self a moth - er thus;** Pray, at our pe - ti - tion, Till He

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The sheet music consists of eight staves of organ music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff shows the melody line, and the bottom staff shows the harmonic bass line. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The music is divided into sections by vertical bar lines.

**Lyrics:**

- hears who, born for us, Showed thee all sub - mis - sion. Al - le - lu - ia.
- 5. First of vir - gins, who of all Art most meek and low - ly, Make us,
- free of e - vil's pall, Chaste and gen - tle whol - ly. Al - le - lu - ia.
- 6. Let our lives grow pure a - pace, Guide and guard our go - ing, Till, be -
- hold-ing Je - sus' face, Ours be bliss o'er flow - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.
- 7. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, And the Christ su - per - nal, And the
- Spir - it: to the Three E - qual praise e - ter - nal. Al - le - lu - ia.