

Gentle God of All the Earth

HUMILITY, 77 77 with refrain

John Goss, 1800–1880

Descant by Craig Kingsbury

Bernadette Farrell

VERSES (♩ = ca. 80)

Descant

4. God of day and night, Ra - dant Spir - it bright,

Soprano G Am7 G/B C D7 G Gsus4 G D/F# C/E G G/D A7/D D

Alto

1. Gen - tle God of all the earth, — You have loved us in - to birth. —
 2. God of laugh - ter, God of tears, — Hid - den pres - ence through the years, —
 3. Faith - ful God whose ways are true, — Hope of all who turn to you, —
 4. God of day and God of night, — Ra - dant Spir - it, ev - er bright, —

Tenor

Bass

4. Reach — through ev - ery height; Come — and be our sight.

G/B G Am7 Bm C D7 G D/F# Em Am7 G/D C Dsus4 D7 G

1. Through our sor - row, through our hurt, — In your love we find our worth.
 2. Through our an - ger, through our fear, — By your grace we gath - er here.
 3. In our lives come break - ing through; — With your heal - ing, make us new.
 4. Reach through ev - ery depth and height; — Be our vi - sion, be our sight.

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REFRAIN

Praise the one whose gifts re - main, Praise the love that stays the

G C/G G D7/F# G D G/B C G Am G/B D

Praise the one whose gifts re - main, Praise the love that stays the same.

same. Christ is born in us a - gain!

Em A7 Bm G6 A D G/B C Am7 G/D D7 G

In our joy and in our pain, Christ is born in us a - gain!

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1. Gen - tle God of all ___ the earth, ___ You have loved us in ___ to birth.
2. God of laugh - ter, God ___ of tears, ___ Hid - den pres - ence through ___ the years,
3. Faith - ful God whose ways ___ are true, ___ Hope of all who turn ___ to you,
4. God of day and God ___ of night, ___ Ra - dant Spir - it, ev - er bright,

G/B G Am7 Bm C D7 G D/F# Em Am7 G/D C Dsus4 D7 G

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TRUMPET in B \flat

VERSE 1 ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 80$) REFRAIN VERSE 2 REFRAIN VERSE 3 REFRAIN

8 8 8 8 8 8

VERSE 4

REFRAIN

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TRUMPET in C

VERSE 1 (♩ = ca. 80) REFRAIN VERSE 2 REFRAIN VERSE 3 REFRAIN

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VERSE 4

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Composer Notes

These words were originally broadcast before Christmas at an ecumenical service of healing in East London, organized by survivors of sexual abuse. Members of the assembly were invited forward for a blessing from one of several ministers, all from different denominations. Before officiating himself, Bishop Victor Guazzelli waited for blessing from a female Anglican priest. His leadership and public action remain an inspiration.

The melody HUMILITY was chosen for its association with Christmas. Published in 1871 to the words “See amid the winter’s snow,” it is a familiar carol in the UK. The text was written in 1858 by Edward Caswall, translator of many popular hymns. Sir John Goss (1800–1880) was organist of Stockwell Chapel, Lambeth in South London, before moving to St. Paul’s Cathedral in 1838. A Victorian church composer, he is also remembered for the melody LAUDA ANIMA, to the text “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven” by Henry Francis Lyte (1783–1847).

—Bernadette Farrell

Preview

Assembly Edition

GENTLE GOD OF ALL THE EARTH

HUMILITY

Verses



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2. God of laugh - ter, God of tears, Hid - den pres - ence
3. Faith - ful God whose ways are true, Hope of all who
4. God of day and God of night, Ra - diant Spir - it,



1. in - to birth. Through our sor - row, through our hurt,
2. through the years, Through our an - ger, through our fear,
3. turn to you, In our lives come break - ing through;
4. ev - er bright, Reach through ev - ery depth and height;



1. In your love we find our worth.
2. By your grace we gath - er here.
3. With your heal - ing, make us new.
4. Be our vi - sion, be our sight.

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