

Tend the Ground

Curtis Stephan

Edition # 30138967 (page 1 of 2)



We till the earth, — we tend the ground

Capo 1:
Intro

| **Em** **C** | **G** **D** | **Em** **C** | **G** ||
Fm Db Ab Eb Fm Db Ab

Refrain 2

Repeat Refrain 1

Refrain 1

Em **C** **G**
Fm Db Ab
We till the earth, we tend the ground,
C **D/F#** **G**
Db Eb/G Ab
sowing hope and peace where none is found.
Am **Em**
Bbm Fm
In selfless love God's life abounds.
***C** **D** **G**
Db Eb Ab
We till the earth, we tend the ground.

Verse 2

Am **D/F#** **G**
Bbm Eb/G Ab
All creatures share one common home,
C **D/F#** **G**
Db Eb/G Ab
one loving God, one song of hope.
Am **D/F#** **Em**
Bbm Eb/G Fm
The rocks cry out and praises ring,
F **Dsus4** **D**
Gb Eb/sus4 Eb
rise up and sing, rise up and sing!

Opt.
Interlude

[**C** **D** **Em** **C** |
Db Eb Fm Db
earth, we tend the ground.
| **G** **D** | **Em** **C** | **G** |
Ab Eb Fm Db Ab]

Refrain 3

Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 1

Am **D/F#** **G**
Bbm Eb/G Ab
As God provides our every need,
C **D/F#** **G**
Db Eb/G Ab
with grateful hearts, let us receive
Am **D/F#** **Em**
Bbm Eb/G Fm
these gifts of love, and make return
F **Dsus4** **D**
Gb Eb/sus4 Eb
to bless the world, to bless the world.

Verse 3

Am **D/F#** **G**
Bbm Eb/G Ab
With open hand our Lord has given
C **D/F#** **G**
Db Eb/G Ab
his life for all that we might live.
Am **D/F#** **Em**
Bbm Eb/G Fm
No greater love is there than this,
F **Dsus4** **D**
Gb Eb/sus4 Eb
no greater love, no greater love.

Refrain 4

Repeat Refrain 1

Text inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Text and music © 2016, Curtis Stephan.
Published by Spirit & Song®, a division of OCP, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved.

*Optional Interlude begins here.

Verse 4

Am **D/F#** **G**
 Bbm Eb/G Ab
 Where hardened hearts have turned to greed,
C **D/F#** **G**
 Db Eb/G Ab
 trampling upon the fledgling seed,
Am **D/F#** **Em**
 Bbm Eb/G Fm
 help us to tend to others' needs,
F **Dsus4** **D**
 Gb Ebsus4 Eb
 open our eyes, open our eyes.

Refrain 5

Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 5

Am **D/F#** **G**
 Bbm Eb/G Ab
 On rocky paths and trodden roads,
C **D/F#** **G**
 Db Eb/G Ab
 Lord, clear the ground where thorns have grown.
Am **D/F#** **Em**
 Bbm Eb/G Fm
 Give us the grace to follow you.
F **Dsus4** **D**
 Gb Ebsus4 Eb
 Make straight the way, make straight the way.

Refrain 6

Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 6

Am **D/F#** **G**
 Bbm Eb/G Ab
 Let plows be forged from swords that kill.
C **D/F#** **G**
 Db Eb/G Ab
 Let tools of war be shaped to till
Am **D/F#** **Em**
 Bbm Eb/G Fm
 and break the hard and stony ground.
F **Dsus4** **D**
 Gb Ebsus4 Eb

Refrain 7

Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 7

Am **D/F#** **G**
 Bbm Eb/G Ab
 Let mercy fall on us like rain
C **D/F#** **G**
 Db Eb/G Ab
 to clear the air and heal the pain.
Am **D/F#** **Em**
 Bbm Eb/G Fm
 Where sin has broken bonds of love
F **Dsus4** **D**
 Gb Ebsus4 Eb
 let mercy reign, let mercy reign.

Refrain 8

Em **C** **G**
 Fm Db Ab
 We till the earth, we tend the ground,
C **D/F#** **G**
 Db Eb/G Ab
 sowing hope and peace where none is found.
Am **Em**
 Bbm Fm
 In selfless love God's life abounds.

Coda

C **D** **Em**
 Db Eb Fm
 We till the earth, we tend the ground.
Am **Em**
 Bbm Fm
 In selfless love God's life abounds.
C **D** **G**
 Db Eb Ab
 We till the earth, we tend the ground.