


TEND THE GROUND

Refrain (♩ = ca. 74) 

Soprano

Alto

We till the earth, _____ we tend the ground, _____ sow-ing

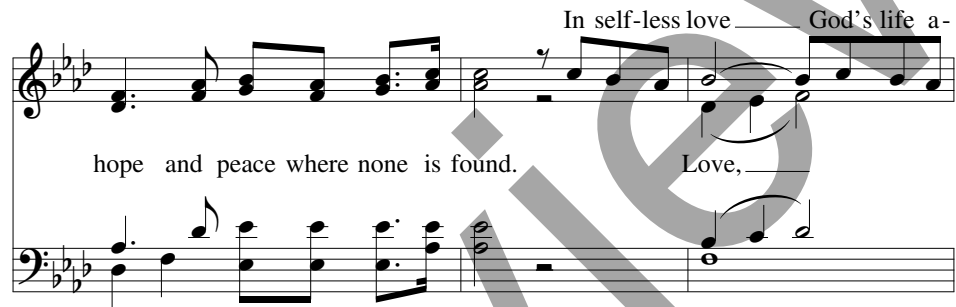
Tenor

Bass



In self-less love _____ God's life a-

hope and peace where none is found. Love, _____



bounds. _____

To Verses

life a-bounds. We till the earth, _____ we tend the ground.



Optional Interlude, Final

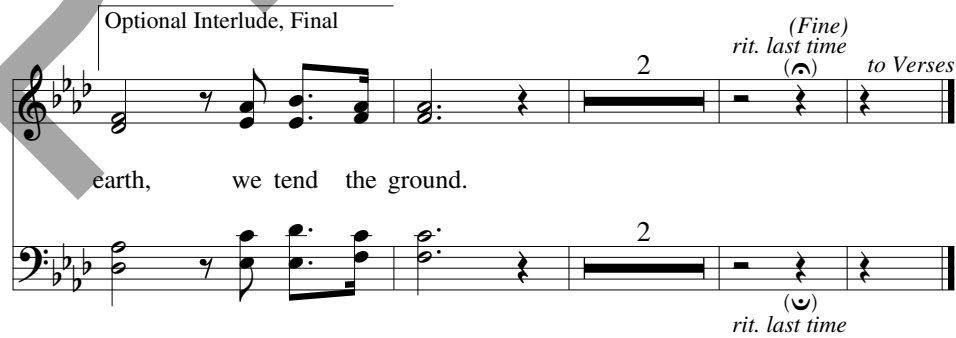
(Fine)
rit. last time (♩) to Verses

earth, _____ we tend the ground.

2

2

rit. last time (♩)



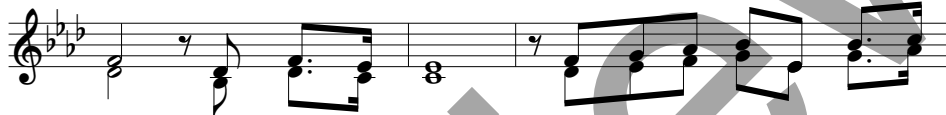
Verses

Melody



Harmony

1. As God pro - vides our ev - ery need, with grate - ful
2. All crea - tures share one com - mon home, one lov - ing
3. With o - pen hand our Lord has giv'n his life for
4. Where hard - ened hearts have turned to greed, tram - pling up -
5. On rock - y paths and trod - den roads, Lord, clear the
6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of
7. Let mer - cy fall on us like rain to clear the



1. hearts let us re - ceive these gifts of love, and make re -
2. God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and prais - es
3. all that we might live. No great - er love is there than
4. on the fledg - ling seed, help us to tend to oth - ers'
5. ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to fol - low
6. war be shaped to till and break the hard and ston - y
7. air and heal the pain. Where sin has bro - ken bonds of



1. turn to bless the world, to bless the world. We till the
2. ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing!
3. this, no great - er love, no great - er love.
4. needs, o - pen our eyes, o - pen our eyes.
5. you. Make straight the way, make straight the way.
6. ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace.
7. love let mer - cy reign, let mer - cy reign.

Text: Inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*; Curtis Stephan, b. 1973.

Music: Curtis Stephan.

Text and music © 2016, Curtis Stephan. Published by Spirit & Song®, a division of OCP. All rights reserved.