FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

DIX
FOLLOIT SANFORD PIERPONT

1 For the beauty of the earth,
   For the beauty of each hour
2 For the joy of ear and eye,
   For the heart and mind's delight,
3 Of the skies, For the love which from our birth
   Of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
4 Over and around us lies, Lord of all, to
   Sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord of all, to
5 For each perfect gift of thine
   To our race so freely given,
   Graces human and divine,
   Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
   Lord of all, to thee we raise
   This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of the earth,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
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GRACIOUS SPIRIT

1 Gracious Spirit, dwell with me!
I myself would gracious be;
And with words that help and heal
Would Thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek
Would for Christ my Savior speak.

2 Truthful Spirit, dwell with me!
I myself would truthful be;
And with wisdom kind and clear
Let Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly
Speak my Lord's sincerity.

3 Tender Spirit, dwell with me!
I myself would tender be;
Shut my heart up like a flower
In temptation's darksome hour,
Open it when shines the sun,
And his love by fragrance own.

4 Mighty Spirit, dwell with me!
I myself would mighty be;
Mighty so as to prevail,
Where unaided man must fail;
Ever, by a mighty hope,
Pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me!
I myself would holy be;
Separate from sin, I would
Choose and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be
Give to Him Who gave me Thee!

AS WITH GLADNESS

1 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger-bed;
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek the mercy-seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus! every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright,
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down,
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.