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Moderato (♩=ca. 108)

The score consists of a piano introduction and two vocal systems. The piano part is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked 'Moderato' with a quarter note equal to approximately 108 beats per minute. The first system shows the piano accompaniment and the vocal parts (Soprano Alto and Tenor Bass) in unison. The lyrics are: 'Take up the song, and sing the — praise of God, who gave the world its might - y lands and'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a more active treble line with chords and moving lines.

f

Unison f

S.A. Take up the song, and

T.B. Take up the song, and

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sing the — praise of God, who gave the world its might - y lands and

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3

13

seas, then formed the fish and crea - tures of the

17

earth; our God be praised for won - drous gifts like these!

21

mf Take up the song, and

mf Take up the song, and

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25

sing the_ praise_ of God, who gave the power of choice to hu - man -

29

kind, that we might rule the earth through ser - vant -

33

hood, and so find joy_ in all that God_ de - signed.

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37 *Unison mf*

Take up the song, the song, and

Unison mf

Take up the song, and

41

sing the praise of God; _____

sing the praise of God; pro - claim to all the o - pen mys - ter -

45

that Christ, whose death de - stroyed, de - stroyed the power of

y that Christ, whose death de - stroyed the power of

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49

sin, _____ was raised by God to reign in Trin - i - ty.

sin, was raised by God to reign in Trin - i - ty.

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song, and _____ sing the _____ praise of God; with mu - sic make both

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61

earth and heav - en ring, for God is good and

Musical notation for measures 61-64, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Musical notation for piano accompaniment for measures 61-64.

65

Unison

loves all he has made; so now to him all thanks and

Unison

Musical notation for measures 65-68, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Musical notation for piano accompaniment for measures 65-68.

69

div.

prais - es bring!

div.

Musical notation for measures 69-72, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Musical notation for piano accompaniment for measures 69-72.

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Take up the song,
and sing the praise of God
who gave the world
its mighty lands and seas,
then formed the fish
and creatures of the earth;
our God be praised
for wondrous gifts like these!

Take up the song,
and sing the praise of God,
who gave the power
of choice to humankind,
that we might rule
the earth through servanthood,
and so find joy
in all that God designed.

Take up the song,
and sing the praise of God;
proclaim to all
the open mystery
that Christ, whose death
destroyed the power of sin,
was raised by God
to reign in Trinity.

Take up the song,
and sing the praise of God;
with music make
both earth and heaven ring,
for God is good
and loves all he has made,
so now to him
all thanks and praises bring!

—Rae E. Whitney, 1991.
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