

# Hymn Lyrics

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## For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Refrain:*

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,

*Refrain:*

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and brain's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,

*Refrain:*

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain:*

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

*Refrain:*

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For thy Bride that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
this pure sacrifice of love,

*Refrain:*

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the martyrs' crown of light,  
for thy prophets' eagle eye,  
for thy bold confessors' might,  
for the lips of infancy,

*Refrain:*

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For thy virgins' robes of snow,

for thy maiden Mother mild,  
for thyself, with hearts aglow,  
Jesus, Victim undefiled,

*Refrain:*

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*