

Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

The musical score is written for a four-part setting in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff, with lyrics underneath. The second system also has a treble and bass staff, with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staves. The lyrics are in four parts, numbered 1 through 4.

System 1:

Chords: G, Em, C, G, G/B, D

Lyrics:

1. Fa - ther, hear the prayer we of - fer: not for ease that prayer shall be,
2. Not for ev - er in green pas - tures do we ask our way to be;
3. Not for ev - er by still wa - ters would we i - dly rest and stay;
4. Be our strength in hours of weak - ness, in our wan - d'rings be our guide;

System 2:

Chords: G, C, D, G/B, D, /C, G/B, C, Dsus, G

Lyrics:

but for strength that we may ev - er live our lives cou - ra - geous - ly.
but the steep and rug - ged path - way may we tread re - joic - ing - ly.
but would smite the liv - ing foun - tains from the rocks a - long our way.
through en - deav - or, fail - ure, dan - ger, Fa - ther, be Thou at our side.

TEXT: Love M. Whitcomb Willis, 1864

MUSIC: Traditional English melody, adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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