

# Ever On My Lips

Based on Ps 34

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**INTRO:** *Gently, with rubato* (♩ = ca. 69)

Keyboard

♩: **REFRAIN:**

**Descant I**

*mf* My lips will sing your praise. My mouth will

**Descant II**

*mf* On my lips I will praise the Lord. In my mouth I will

**Melody**

*mf* Ev - er on my lips, the prais - es of the Lord; ev - er in my mouth God's

*mf*

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sing God's mu - sic. Through the night, in morn - ing light, God's  
 sing God's mu - sic. Through the night in morn - ing light, God's  
 mu - sic. Through the dark of night, in morn-ing's gold-en light, God's

prais - es I will sing. sing. 1-4 to Vss. 1-4 5,6 To Vss. 5,6  
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**Final** *Fine*

sing.

**Final** *Fine*

sing.

**Final** *Fine*

sing.

**Final** *Fine*

*rit.* *molto rit.*

**VERSES 1-4:**

*mp*

1. Taste and see heav-en's boun - ty, ev - 'ry step and breath we  
 2. God a - lone is my glo - ry, like the moon that lights my  
 3. Cling to God in the dark - ness like a child at moth - er's  
 4. Lift your face from the shad - ows; turn your heart from fear and

*mp*

*mp*

*D.S.*

1. take is a gift that God has made.  
 2. way, like a song that fills my day.  
 3. breast; in the arms of God find rest.  
 4. shame for your hope is not in vain.

*D.S.*

## VERSES 5,6:

Soprano/Melody  
*mf*

Alto

5. Go to God in your lone - li - ness and jour - ney in the si - lence. The  
6. All the earth is a gift to us, a gar - den for our jour - ney. The

Tenor

Bass *mf*

*mf*

*rit.* *D.S.*

5. Lord is near to the thirst - y heart and close to those who wait. \_\_\_\_\_  
6. on - ly price God re - quires of us: to give what we re - ceive. \_\_\_\_\_

*rit.* *D.S.*

*rit.* *D.S.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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D G6/D D G6/D Bm Bm/A G Em Asus4 A

*mf*

**REFRAIN:**

D G6/D Asus4 A D Bm Bm/A G

Melody

Ev - er on my lips, the prais - es of the Lord; ev - er in my mouth God's

Asus4 A Asus4 A D G F#7/A# Bm Bm/A Gmaj7

mu - sic. Through the dark of night, in morn - ing's gold - en light, God's

D/A Em A

1-4 D Dsus4 D to Vss. 1-4

5,6 D Dsus4 D To Vss. 5,6

prais - es I will sing. sing.

**Final** D Gmaj7 D/A Em A D Dsus4 D *Fine*

sing.

**VERSES 1-4:**

C#m7 F# Bm7 E7 Asus4 A Asus4 A D/F# F#

*mp*

1. Taste \_\_\_\_\_ and see heav - en's boun - ty, \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry step and breath we
2. God \_\_\_\_\_ a - lone is my glo - ry, \_\_\_\_\_ like the moon that lights my
3. Cling \_\_\_\_\_ to God in the dark - ness \_\_\_\_\_ like a child at moth - er's
4. Lift \_\_\_\_\_ your face from the shad - ows; \_\_\_\_\_ turn your heart from fear and

G A/E D/F# Bm E Asus4 A *D.S.*

1. take \_\_\_\_\_ is a gift that God has made. \_\_\_\_\_
2. way, \_\_\_\_\_ like a song that fills my day. \_\_\_\_\_
3. breast; \_\_\_\_\_ in the arms of God find rest. \_\_\_\_\_
4. shame \_\_\_\_\_ for your hope is not in vain. \_\_\_\_\_

## VERSES 5,6:

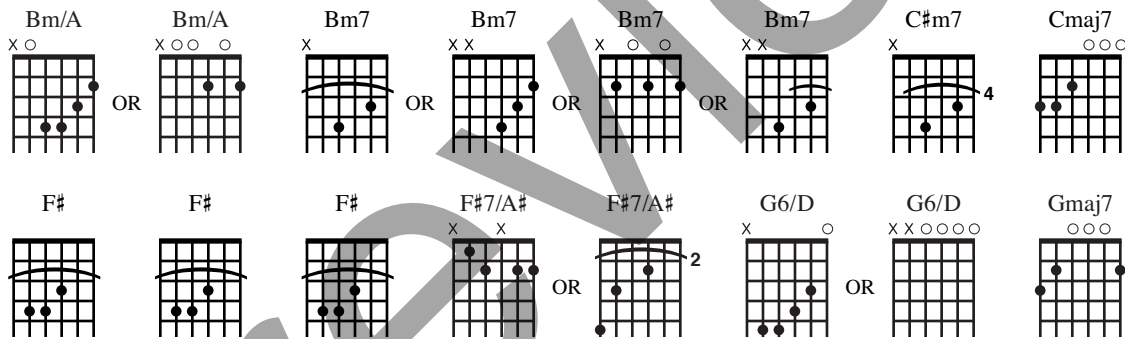


5. Go to God in your lone-ly-ness and jour-ney in the si-lence. The  
6. All the earth is a gift to us, a gar-den for our jour-ney. The



5. Lord is near to the thirst-y heart and close to those who wait.  
6. on-ly price God re-quires of us: to give what we re-ceive.

## Guitar Charts



## Performance Notes

Our lives as Christians should be filled with praise. In fact, it has been said that a spirit of praise marks those who are believers in Christ Jesus. "Ever On My Lips," inspired by Psalm 34, is a song of praise. Whether in joy or sorrow, happiness or hardship, we believe in a God who loves us and will not abandon us.

The thematic focus and the simple Refrain/Verses suggest using this piece as a Response to the Word. However, it could be used at other liturgical moments as well, such as the Preparation of the Gifts. It could be wisely used for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Rite of Christian Funerals.

This is a very easy piece to perform. Its ballad-like character has an easy, flowing feel to it. Allow the tempo to breathe; there is room here to use the techniques of rubato and ritardando to give expression to the phrasing of the text. There are two descant parts offered for the Refrain. On the recording, Drawn By A Dream, one is sung by Tenor/Bass voices, the other by Soprano/Alto voices. The early verses are best performed by a cantor, but the latter verses can be done by a choir if desired.

—D.S.

## Assembly Edition

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mouth God's mu - sic. Through the dark of night, in  
morn - ing's gold - en light, God's prais - es I will sing.

## VERSES:

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2. God a - lone is my glo - ry, like the moon that  
3. Cling to God in the dark - ness like a child at  
4. Lift your face from the shad - ows; turn your heart from  
1. breath we take is a gift that God has made.  
2. lights my way, like a song that fills my day.  
3. moth - er's breast; in the arms of God find rest.  
4. fear and shame for your hope is not in vain.  
5. Go to God in your lone - li - ness and jour - ney in the si - lence. The  
6. All the earth is a gift to us, a gar - den for our jour - ney. The  
5. Lord is near to the thirst - y heart and close to those who wait.  
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