Tend the Ground

Assembly, SATB Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

Inspired by Pope Francis’s encyclical Laudato Si’

INTRO (\( \text{\scriptsize \( q = \text{ca. 74} \) } \))

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We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is found.

In self-less love God's life abounds. We till the

To Verses (to Verses)

Optional Interlude

ground.

Fm D♭ Ab E♭ Fm D♭ Ab (to Verses)
VERSES

1. As God provides our every need, with grateful
   hearts, let us receive these gifts of love, and make me-
2. All creatures share one common home, one loving
   God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and prais-
3. With open hand our Lord has given his life for
   all that we might live. No greater love is there than
4. Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, tramp-ling up
   on the fledgling seed, help us to tend to others’
5. On rock-y paths and trodden roads, Lord, clear the
   ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to fol-
6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of
   war be shaped to till and break the hard and stony
7. Let mercy fall on us like rain to clear the
   air and heal the pain. Where sin has broken bonds of

D.S.

1. turn to bless the world, to bless the world. We till the
2. ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing!","needs, open our eyes, open our eyes.
4. you. Make straight the way, make straight the way.
5. ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace.
6. love let mercy reign, let mercy reign.

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bounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.
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1. As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive these gifts of love, and make room to bless the world, to bless the world.
2. God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and praise all that we might live. No greater love is there than to ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing!
3. With open hand our Lord has given his life for this, no greater love, no greater love.
4. Where hard-ened hearts have turned to greed, trampling up on rock-y paths and trodden roads, Lord, clear the earth.
5. Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of war be shaped to till and break the hard and stony ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to follow us.
6. Let mercy fall on us like rain to clear the eyes, open our eyes.
7. Let mercy reign, let mercy reign.

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(Guitar/Choral)

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Capo 1:

(Kbd)

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(G)  

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2. All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and praises rise up and sing, rise up and sing!

3. With open hand our Lord has given his life for all that we might live. No greater love is there than the bleeding seed, help us to tend to others’. Give us the grace to follow.

4. Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, let tools of war be shaped to till and break the hard and stony ground where thorns have grown. Where sin has broken bonds of love.

5. On rocky paths and trodden roads, Lord, clear the road, Lord, bring your peace.

6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill, let tools of peace be forged from swords that kill. Let swords be plowed under, let the world be tilled and the peace be made.

7. Let mercy fall on us like rain to clear the path for the gospel to be spread.

Harmony

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