

# TEND THE GROUND

REFRAIN (♩ = ca. 74)

Melody

Keyboard

Ab Fm Db Ab Db

We till the earth, we tend the ground, sow-ing hope and

Eb/G Ab Bbm Fm

peace where none is found. In self-less love God's life a-bounds. We till the

To Verses Db Eb Ab

Optional Interlude, Final Db Eb Fm Db

earth, we tend the ground. earth, we tend the ground.

To Verses

Optional Interlude, Final

Ab Eb Fm Db Ab

(Fine) to Verses

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## VERSES

*B $\flat$ m* *E $\flat$ /G* *A $\flat$*

1. As God pro - vides our ev - ery need, with grate - ful  
 2. All crea - tures share one com - mon home, one lov - ing  
 3. With o - pen hand our Lord has giv' n his life for  
 4. Where hard - ened hearts have turned to greed, tram - pling up -  
 5. On rock - y paths and trod - den roads, Lord, clear the  
 6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of  
 7. Let mer - cy fall on us like rain to clear the

*D $\flat$*  *E $\flat$ /G* *A $\flat$*  *B $\flat$ m* *E $\flat$ /G*

1. hearts, let us re - ceive these gifts of love, and make re -  
 2. God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and prais - es  
 3. all that we might live. No great - er love is there than  
 4. on the fledg - ling seed, help us to tend to oth - ers'  
 5. ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to fol - low  
 6. war be shaped to till and break the hard and ston - y  
 7. air and heal the pain. Where sin has bro - ken bonds of

*F $m$*  *G $\flat$*  *E $\flat$ sus4* *E $\flat$*  *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!  
 3. this, no great - er love, no great - er love.  
 4. needs, o - pen our eyes, o - pen our eyes.  
 5. you. Make straight the way, make straight the way.  
 6. ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace.  
 7. love let mer - cy reign, let mer - cy reign.

*D.S.*