

Lord, behold us with Thy blessing Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing

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Musical notation for the first system (measures 1-8). The piece is in 3/2 time and B-flat major. The right hand features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Musical notation for the second system (measures 9-16). The melody continues with a key signature change to one sharp (F#) in measure 10. The accompaniment remains consistent in style.

Musical notation for the third system (measures 17-24). The piece concludes with a final cadence in the right hand. The left hand continues with a steady accompaniment.

Assembly

Dismissal

Lord, behold us with Thy blessing
Once again assembled here;
Onward be our footsteps pressing
In Thy love, and faith, and fear;
Still protect us
By Thy presence ever near.

For Thy mercy we adore Thee,
For this rest upon our way;
Lord, again we bow before Thee,
Speed our labors day by day;
Mind and spirit
With Thy choicest gifts array.

Keep the spell of home affection
Still alive in every heart;
May its power, with mild direction,
Draw our love from self apart,
Till Thy children
Feel that Thou their Father art.

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Thanks for mercies past receive;
Pardon all, their faults confessing;
Time that's lost may all retrieve;
May Thy children
Ne'er again Thy Spirit grieve.

By Thy kindly influence cherish
All the good we here have gained;
May all taint of evil perish
By Thy mightier power restrained;
Seek we ever
Knowledge pure and love unfeigned.

Let Thy father-hand be shielding
All who here shall meet no more;
May their seed-time past be yielding
Year by year a richer store;
Those returning,
Make more faithful than before.

Henry J. Buckoll