

How dearly God must love us

Salvatore Ferretti, 1817-1874

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and moving lines in both hands.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece from the first system. It begins with a measure number '7' at the start of the treble staff. The notation remains consistent in style and key signature.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It begins with a measure number '12' at the start of the treble staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

How dearly God must love us and this poor world of ours,
To spread blue skies above us and deck the earth with flowers.
There's not a weed so lowly, nor bird that cleaves the air,
But tells, in accents holy, His kindness and his care.

He bids the sun to warm us and light the path we tread;
At night lest aught should harm us, He guards our welcome bed:
He gives our needful clothing, and sends our daily food;
His love denies us nothing His wisdom deemeth good.

The Bible, too He sends us, that tells how Jesus came,
Whose word can save and cleanse us from guilt and sin and shame:
Oh, may God's mercies move us to serve Him with our powers,
For oh, how He must love us and this poor world of ours!

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