For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
   for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
   Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
   hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
   for the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
   friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

3 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
   a agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.
   For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,

4 Text: Folliott S. Pierpont, 1864, alt.
   Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

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