

Lift up your hearts! We lift them, Lord, to Thee

A selection of Psalm Tunes, 1834

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass clef accompaniment starts with a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3, followed by quarter notes E2, F2, and G2. A measure rest is indicated above the treble staff in the fourth measure. The system ends with a fermata over the final note of the treble staff.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features similar rhythmic patterns and chordal structures, with a measure rest in the treble staff in the eighth measure. The system concludes with a fermata over the final note of the treble staff.

The third system of musical notation concludes the hymn. It maintains the established musical style, with a measure rest in the treble staff in the thirteenth measure. The piece ends with a final chord in both staves.

**“Lift up your hearts!” We lift them, Lord, to Thee;
Here at Thy feet none other may we see;
“Lift up your hearts!” E’en so, with one accord,
We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**

**Lift every gift that Thou Thyself hast given;
Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;
Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.**

**Above the level of the former years,
The mire of sin, the weight of guilty fears,
The mist of doubt, the blight of love’s decay,
O Lord of Light, lift all our hearts today!**

**Then, as the trumpet call, in after years,
“Lift up your hearts!” rings pealing in our ears,
Still shall those hearts respond, with full accord
“We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!”**

**Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
The deeds, the thoughts, that honor may not name,
The halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of Truth, lift every Christian soul!**

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